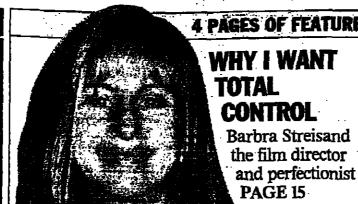
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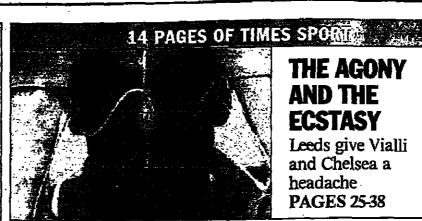
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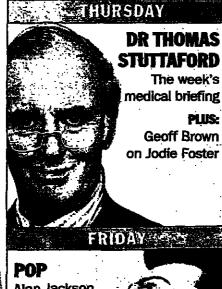
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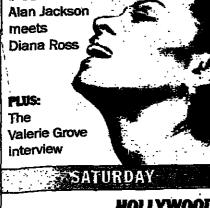
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New rules may cap profits

Labour to fund gifted children from lottery

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TALENTED youngsters will receive special funds to assist their development and turn them into the "Nobel Prize winners of the future" under radical plans by the Labour Party, to be announced today, for reshaping the National Lottery.

A Labour government would set up a new "stream" of lottery money with the funds dedicated to children and young people through the finan-cing of specialist projects, including after-school clubs and "information technology cafés" where they could operate the latest computers. "Child-ren are our future." Jack Cunningham said last night. "Investing in their education and skills is the best investment any nation can make."

But Labour would not limit the size of prizes awarded each week to lottery winners despite concerns about the effects of multi-million pound payouts. It believes, however, that when Camelot's contract ends in five years' time a "not-for-profit" organisation should, if possible, take over to ensure that all money raised goes back to the people.

If the lottery regulator does not guarantees efficiency, Labour be-lieves he should cap the profits. It says that Camelot should not be able to keep the £6 million interest a year raised from unclaimed prizes and that it should go to good causes

The proposals have emerged from an independent working group set up in February by Dr Cunningham, Shadow Heritage Secretary, to advise him about any changes Labour should make.

Anticipating charges from minis-ters that Labour would use the lot-

tery as a back door for financing education while restraining its own expenditure, the report insists such funds should be "strictly additional to current government expenditure". While not officially party policy, the report will form the basis for Labour's approach to the lottery. Its membership included a wide range of figures from the churches, the arts, voluntary organisations, pools promoters, bookmakers and many leisure organisations. At the report's heart is the plan to set up a new millennium commission when the present one, established to distrib-

ute money for events to mark the turn of the century, expires.

This would have a much broader remit and its "designated permanent good cause" would be children and young people. The commission would oversee funding on projects to help youngsters to learn new high-tech skills outside school, to give them better all-round play facilities, and to assist one-off teacher training projects, especially in new technology.

It would also have authority to introduce schemes, cash-limited and time-limited, to focus on particular national issues. Under such schemes Labour would back a plan - believed to be the brainchild of Sir David Puttnam, the film producer. who serves on the advisory group to introduce a new National Endowment for Arts, the Humanities and Sciences to support talented young people. Those with exceptional abilipeople. Inose with exceptional abili-ty not only in sports but in sciences, the arts, and subjects such as mathematics, would get special help to develop their particular abilities. Labour would try to involve the private sector. "It would be our

talent fund aimed at boosting excellence - here we might help the Nobel Prize winners of a few years' time," a senior Labour source said

Another group proposal is that local organisations should be able to apply to independent community trusts - dubbed "community chests" - for small funding sums rather than to go through the existing national bureaucracy.

tage Secretary, said last night that the plan would see local councillors involved in the distribution of funds. "A Labour lottery would become a politically correct 'pork barrel'," she

Today's report will also contain a warning to the organisers of the Greenwich millennium exhibition to contain the costs, threatening to spiral out of control. It will underline Labour's opposition to an "open-ended commitment" to funding the exhibition dome. Although it backed Greenwich's selection, the party wants to ensure that the celebration is a truly national event, and that available funds are shared.

Mrs Bottomley said that Labour was planning, in effect, to nationalise the lottery despite its internationally recognised success.



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Surprise attack on Prince Harry

PRINCE HARRY is subjected to a friendly ambush from Tiggy Legge-Bourke as they left

church at Sandringham yesterday.

The royal party had been attending West Newton Parish Church as Sandringham Church is closed for rewiring. Miss Legge-Bourke, who is a personal assistant to the Prince of Wales and looks after the young princes when they are with their father, hugged Prince Harry outside the church and at one point wiped a speck away from under his eye before they walked down the path together. Since last month Miss Legge-Bourke has shared the role of personal assistant with

The party included King Harald of Norway and Queen Sonja, who were among guests being entertained at Sandringham House for the weekend. Prince Edward and Sophie Rhys Jones. who spent the weekend at nearby Wood Farmhouse at Wolferton, were also there.

TODAY

Rush for jabs after death of second student

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

HUNDREDS of university students were given emergen-cy vaccinations against men-

ingitis yesterday after an outbreak of the disease claimed a second life.

A 19-year-old pharmacy student from the University of Wales in Cardiff died 27 hours after being taken ill. She lived in University Hall, close to a law student, also 19, who died on Thursday night. Neither

has been named.

Three other students from the same hall have the disease - confirmed yesterday as Group C meningococcal meningitis - and are being treated at the university hospital. One is seriously ill and in intensive care, while the other two are making a good recovery in an

isolation ward.

Medical staff brought forward a mass inoculation programme as fear spread through the hall on the outskirts of the city. Vaccines exist to protect against this form of meningitis; and students living at the hall have also been given antibiotics to protec against infection.

Dr Bill Smith, Director of Public Health for the Bro Taf Health Authority, yesterday appealed for 100 students who left the campus over the week-end to return. "For whatever reason they went away, they should come back and he inoculated." Dr Smith said.

There was criticism vesterav from some students emerged that another student in the same hall had suffered a form of meningitis in mid-October. She recovered, but only her close friends were given protective antibiotics. Doctors believe that there is unlikely to be any connection between this case and the later ones, because the Continued on page 2, col 3

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Waldegrave admits direct tax has risen

AN ADMISSION by William Waldegrave, Treasury Chief Secretary, that the average family was now paying about £50 a year more in direct taxes than in 1992, has undermined the Tory claim to be a tax-cut-

ting party, Labour said yesterday. Mr Waldegrave, asked by Jona-than Dimbleby on LWT whether on income tax the average person was worse off, said: "I think that's broadly right. You have to include National Insurance contributions because we had to put them up in 1994." But he added that the average family was still some £1,000 a year better off than at the last election. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, seizing on his remarks, said: "John Major's claim that direct

tax is falling has now been confirmed to be untrue by the Treasury." Claim undermined, page 2

emments to dispose of works of art

to raise funds. Sir Denis was

instrumental in overturning govern-

ment plans in the 1950s to get the

National Gallery to sell part of its

"I feel passionate that the Govern-

permanent collection.

Abbey puts up mortgage rates

Abbey National is raising its mortgage rates for new bor-rowers by 0.25 per cent, costing a borrower with an average E50,000 variable rate mortgage £1.65 per week.

The estimated £1.64 per week gain to an average family from Budget tax con-cessions will be wiped out for most of the 1.6 million with Abbey mortgages Page 48

Tiny Tim dies

Tiny Tim, the singer with the faisetto warble who turned Tiptoe Through the Tulips into a 1960s counter-culture classic, has died in America. He was 64. In September he collapsed after a heart attack at a Massachusetts ukulele

Tunnel exercise

Eurotunnel staged a mock evacuation of a crowded passenger train deep in the Channel Tunnel 13 days after the fire there, in an attempt to convince the safety authorities that scheduled services can

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Bequest paints nation into a corner

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

ONE of the country's foremost art history scholars wants to bequeath arguably the world's finest collection of 17th-century Italian baroque paintings to the nation. But the offer will be withdrawn if the Government fails to meet his tough criteria on funding museums and galleries.

Sir Denis Mahon, who has been a thorn in the side of successive governments over arts policy, proposes to give 61 works worth £25 million to the National Art Collections Fund (NACF) for disposal

among the nation's museums and galleries.

However, Sir Denis, 86, will change his will if the Government should at any time fall short of fulfilling what he believes are its commitments to supporting public collections. Furthermore, he plans to instruct the NACF that after his death it should at once withdraw any works deposited by him if a museum or gallery concerned should decide to sell off any single item from its permanent collection.

This is designed to stop public collections being pressured by gov-

ment must not persist in its policy of progressively cutting grants to mu-seums and galleries." he said. The works will be on display at the National Gallery in London in an exhibition entitled Discovering

the Italian Baroque: The Denis Mahon Collection, from February next year.

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Labour on attack after Waldegrave's tax admission

POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR'S claim that he has observed the Conservative election pledge to cut income tax was undermined yesterday as a Cabinet minister admitted that the average family was paying £50 a year more in direct taxes.

Labour swiftly demanded the withdrawal of the Conservatives' post-Budget advertising which shows the Prime Minister proclaiming "as promised, lower in-

grave. the Treasury Chief Secretary, confirmed the increased figures. But ministers stressed that voters had more money in their pockets than in 1992 because of steadily rising incomes.

The dispute broke out after it was disclosed that Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, is looking at plans to cut income tax for middle income earners when Labour publishes its detailed tax plans early next year. Mr Brown, in line with his party's vist of a "fairer"

proposals which would enable several hundred thousand people to stop paying tax at the higher rate of 40p. He will examine an increase in the threshold because more people than estimated are expected. to move into the top rate band next

The latest claims and counter claims confirm that Labour is determined to take on the Tories on taxation in the election. Not for the first time Labour was delighted by Waldegrave's frankness in

Appearing on the Jonathan Dimbleby programme on LWT,

Mr Waldegrave was asked whether on income tax the average person was now £50 a year worse off than in 1992. He replied: "I think that's broadly right. You have to I think include National Insurance contributions because we had to put them up in 1994."

Figures compiled by the House of Currings library last week show the same ken directly from

election; this is mainly because of the erosion of allowances, including mortgage tax relief and that for married couples, as well as the National Insurance rise. Mr Waldegrave said that the average family was still £1,100 a year better

off than it was at the last election. But Mr Brown said: "William Waldegrave has finally been forced to admit that the Tories have not been telling the truth about direct taxation. Mr Major's claim that direct tax is a har has now been

Mr Waldegrave said the Government's first priority was to make cuts in income tax and shift the burden to indirect taxation "because that gives people more freedom to spend". He insisted: "Nobody is worse off." The average family was better off because of low inflation, falling unemployment. and rising earnings, he said.

Alistair Darling, Shadow Chief Treasury Secretary, said that the burden of taxation had gone up.

he insisted that, as a proportion of their income, people were paying more in tax now than in 1979.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, told BBCI's On the Record programme: "What has actually happened is that people's incomes have gone up very significantly, therefore, on the higher income, they pay rather more tax than they would have done on the

Peter Riddell, page 20

Trimble voices fear on Blair's Ulster policy

BY BRONWEN MADDOX AND NICHOLAS WATT

DAVID TRIMBLE, the Ulster Unionist leader, yesterday voiced fears that Tony Blair is less committed to Northern Ireland than John Major. In an interview with The Times in Washington, where he is expected to meet President Clinton tomorrow, Mr Trimble said: "I am not sure that it is a personal priority for Mr

Blair in the same way." The MP for Upper Bann conceded that there was little difference between the two party leaders in their anproach to the Province. However, he expressed some concern about Mo Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary. Mr Trimble said that she had "made a good impression when she was first

Police officers were recovering yesterday after being injured in attacks by lovalists as they protected a Roman Catholic church at Harryville, Ballymena, Co Antrim. A petrol bomb was thrown and a bus set on fire after 500 protesters gathered outside. The weekend protests began three months ago after nationalist objections to Orange Order ing village.

appointed [but] latterly there has been some concern, particularly with her view that the status quo is not an option". Ulster Unionists were en-

couraged when Mr Blair, who has Protestant relatives in the Province, became Labour leader. Kevin McNamara, who believed in Irish unity by consent, was dropped as Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary and replaced by Dr Mowlam, who committed herself to a bipartisan approach.

Since then Ulster Unionists Mr Blair will be preoccupied with affairs closer to Westminster if Labour wins the election. However, there is strong speculation at Westminster

that Mr Blair could underline his commitment to Northern appointing a more senior figure to the post of Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary. One candidate is Jack Cunningham, the Shadow Heri-

tage Secretary.
During his trip to Washington Mr Trimble will press the Clinton Administration and Britain to proceed with the Stormont talks without Sinn

He said: "As things stand there is no likelihood of Sinn Fein/IRA meeting the necessary conditions to enter the talks. We went into the talks on the basis that if Sinn Fein didn't come in, then talks would go on without them."

Mr Trimble also praised George Mitchell, the former US Senator who is chairing the multiparty talks. His comments came as Senator Mitch-ell's office denied allegations in a Sunday newspaper that Martha Pope, a senior member of his staff, had developed a close relationship with Gerry Kelly, a senior member of Sinn Fein who is a convicted IRA terrorist. The office said in a statement: "The allegation is totally faise. Miss Pope has never met Gerry Kelly." ☐ A hardline republican lead-

er who opposed the IRA ceasefire in 1994 said yesterday that terrorists would continue to bomb Britain until Ireland was united. Ruairi O Bradaigh, a former IRA chief-of-staff who is now president of the breakaway Republican Sinn Fein party. rejected the current talks process because he claimed that it would not lead to a British withdrawal from Ireland.

Mr O Bradaigh was speaking in Dublin at the annual conference of Republican Sinn Fein, which split from the main party in 1986. The small party's terrorist wing, the Continuity Army Council of the IRA, has planted a series of bombs in Northern Ireland

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Continued from page I incubation period is ten days. But Rhodri Morgan, Labour's Welsh health spokesman, said he would raise the matter during question time in the House of Commons today. "I am concerned to hear of the earlier outbreak at the same hall and we need to explore the

were just five weeks apart," he How the five students affected caught the disease remains The bacterium responsible is carried in saliva, but the five involved were not part of a close group.

After the first death, Dr

links between the cases which

meningitis

Smith called for the cancellation of discos and parties. warning that intimate contact could risk further spread of the disease. But more than 1,000 students attended a rave at the Great Hall in the Student Union building on. Saturday night. English literature student Bethan Jones said: "Everyone was talking about meningitis — nobody knew at that time that a

second student had died."

President of the Student Union, Dot Hodgersaid: "Two traumatised everyone."

Dr Smith appealed for calm, saying that the antibiotic treatment gives instant pro-tection: "But because of the incubation period of this strain it will be 10 days before we know if the worst is over."

Meningitis is an inflammation of the lining of the brain. Initial symptoms are rather like flu, but meningitis can with speed. No vaccine is yet available for Group B meningitis, but there are two vaccines against groups A and C.

ck full funding' by court users

By FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR judges have strongly attacked government plans to reap the entire cost of running the civil justice system including judges' salaries from fees charged to people

who use the courts. Sir Richard Scott, who as Vice-Chancellor heads the High Court's Chancery Division, told The Times the selffinancing plans were "lamentable". Judges, he added, had not been consulted, "just told

it was government policy". The notion that the civil justice system should be paid for by the people who use it is misconceived. It should be available for anyone who needs it, like the police force. When you report a burglary you don't expect to have to pay for the police to come and

investigate."
Another senior judge, Lord Justice Saville, a member of the Court of Appeal, said the plans amounted to a revival of a policy scrapped in the 19th century. "t puts the independence of the judiciary in jeopardy if judges' salaries are part and parcel of the money available to run the system. Their remuneration should be quite separate."

It is government policy to move gradually towards using fees charged to court users to cover all running costs. Now the fees charged to litigants total some £232 million — 80 per cent of the total cost.

The clash between senior judges and the Lord Chancellor's Department coincides with a fundamental review of judges' salaries. The Lord Chief Justice is concerned that these are now so removed from earnings of top barris-ters or solicitors that recruitment could be at risk.

Lord Justice Saville said that at the commercial Bar. the gap had widened hugely. Ten years ago, a High Court judge's salary would be about £50,000 with a top-earning commercial silk getting £300,000. Now silks get up to £1 million a year while, from yesterday. High Court judges are paid £104,415.

Scott renews fight to hold on to seat

Sir Nicholas Scott will tonight "battle hard" to avoid deselection as the Conservative candidate for Kensington and Cheisea when he faces a crucial meeting of local party members. The embattled MP, who last month failed to win a vote of confidence from his association's ruling executive, will throw himself at the mercy of the wider constituency

Last night Sir Nicholas. 63, said: "It is all to play for. I am taking nothing for granted. I shall go in and battle hard." Yesterday he prepared for the meeting and held a coffee morning to thank his supporters.

Gun lobby holds march

More than 1,000 members of the Sportsman's Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland marched from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square in London to urge the Government to review its Bill to abolish all handguns apart from single-shot .22 pistols. They were backed by Frank Cooke, Labour MP for Stockton North and pistol captain of the Palace of Westminster Rifle Club, who accused the Government of negligence in drafting the regulations.

Cash-row minister quits

Michael Lowry, the Irish Transport Minister, has resigned amid reports that the Republic's largest supermarket chain, Dunnes Stores, paid his house extension bill of £207,000 three years ago, when he was chairman of Fure Gael and responsible for fund-raising. Mr Lowry, 42, once seen as having prime ministerial potential, insisted he was not guilty of any impropriety, but said that he was going in the interests of the two-year-old coalition government.

£5m ransom for picture

Police and insurance negotiators were trying to arrange the return of a 500-year-old oil painting stolen from the stately home of the Marquess of Bath two years ago and held to ransom by a gang demanding 15 million. Interpol had launched a worldwide hum for the work, Rest On The Flight into Egypt, until officials at Lord Bath's Longleat estate were contacted by the gang. Lord Rath has since held discussions with insurers and police about the claims.

Club bouncer shot dead

A nightclub bouncer was shot dead early yesterday in a revenge killing by a techniquer who had earlier been denied admission for refusing to be searched. Murder squad detectives said that the youth got into an argument with the doorman at the Island Nightchub in Ilford, east London, and returned to fire seven shots into the foyer. Christopher Lombard, 26, was killed and a colleague, who was shot in the

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Surfers swept 5 miles out

Two surfers who were rescued after being swept 51 miles out to sea off Southerndown, South Wales, were described by coastguards y sterday as "very lucky indeed". The two men, aged 25 and 28, who were wearing wetsuits, were only spotted in the darkness by a rescue heliconter thanks to a strobe light one of them was wearing on his arm.

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Firms face flood of claims from disabled people

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE most radical law to protect disabled people in Europe takes effect in Britain today, Lawvers are expected to bring a host of claims underthe Disability Discrimination Act, enabling the courts to define the exact limits of

handicapped people's rights. Businesses face major new responsibilities to adopt an enlightened approach towards the 6.5 million disabled Britons.

"It will be against the law to discriminate unjustifiably against anyone with a disability either in employment or in the provision of goods and services," said a spokesman for Lewis Silkin, a firm of nesses who do so face costly industrial tribunal and court battles and hefty compensation claims."

The wording of the Act still leaves major issues unclear. For example, it will remain legal to discriminate against healthy people with the Aids virus. Once they develop the symptoms of Aids, however, they will be classed as "dis-abled" and have the right to equal treatment with the rest

Another grey area is mental illness. Technically, an employer cannot discriminate against someone with a history of psychiatric problems, but it is not clear what the position is, for example, if an applicant once had a shortterm problem with post-natal depression, which affected her

The Act is being enforced in

stages but the key measures come into force today. Minis-ters are worried that many businesses think that by installing a wheelchair ramp, they have fulfilled their duties to the disabled.

The Act applies to councils, hotels, banks, solicitors, pubs, theatres, hairdressers, shops, churches, courts, doctors and estate agents.

"Numerous challenges for employers will be thrown up by the legislation. For exmaple, retailers will be unable to use customer reaction as a reason for refusing to employ a shop assistant with a facial disfigurement," said Lewis Silkin.

"A number of existing business practices may be discriminatory under the Act, including taking absence records into account in making recruitment decisions or selecting for redundancy. Employers should also consider adjustments to working practices where employees are

suffering from stress at work." Businesses recruiting staff will have to consider changes to advertisements, application forms and interviews. Employers must consider more tasks, adjusting premises and equipment to accommodate disabled workers.

Some disabled believe the Act is inadequate and unenforceable, however, relying on vague terms like "substantial", "reasonable" and "normal" whose meaning can only be defined by the

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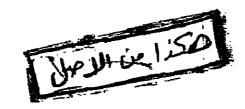
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Two may lose court commendation

Police heroes are criticised for not shooting gunma

TWO police officers who declined to shoot a man brandishing a gun in the street have been reprimanded for not following their manual which says they should have fired after issuing a warning.

A senior officer was later discovered to have tried to block a police commendation recommended by a judge who praised their courage.

The men, from a police firearms unit, went to the scene with colleagues in Luton, Bedfordshire, after the alarm was raised that a gunman was on the loose. The two found themselves being approached by the gunman but, instead of shooting to stop him, as regulations state, they kept him talking and realised he was suffering from a men-

A police dog handler was nearby and the officers took the decision to allow the animal to be sent in. The man was overpowered and the guri grabbed from him. He was unharmed and it was then discovered the weapon was an

When the two men returned for debriefing, they were strongly criticised by senior

man. Eventually the man was dealt with at Luton Crown Court, where Judge Peter Goldstone said the officers has "considerable

He said they had also acted with considerable gallantry and recommended they each be awarded a commendation. A decision on whether they receive their commendations is soon expected soon, and the Police Federation has been

the discovery that the com-mendation might be blocked. A police source said: "The groundswell of opinion amongst the constables is that these two guys acted extremely bravely and the people in charge have not appreciated what they did. All Hell has

drawn into the dispute, after

broken out over this. These blokes used their discretion based on their experience. As they were talking to the man, they made a decision that he wasn't going to fire his weapon. But their governors are saying they were not in the position to make that judgement and they should have shot the man.

But these people are look-ing at it in terms of black and white. Whatever the manual

says, there are very o areas. The judge prabravery when the r to came to court. b. officers were not pe the court case and did. they had been recomm.

for a commendation. "It seems that a senior officer was trying to cover it up but that's not fair. They should get it. It should be marked against their record because they showed tremendous

At the court case in August, Judge Goldstone said: "The officers acted with considerable bravery. He is a very fortunate man that they did not protect themselves by shooting which many people would think that they would have been wholly justified in

and I would be grateful if you will convey this, acted with very considerable gallantry. The use of the police dog was a very civilised and sensitive way of dealing with the

Officers are trained to shoot at the upper body, effectively to kill. They have no specific procedure to shoot only to



The one-time Herbert Khaury tiptoes through another quirky stage performance



Od ball pop star Tiry Tim is dead

TINY 'M, the wild-haired singer vith the falsetto warble and ukulele who crooned Tiptoe Through the Tulips into a 1960s counter-culture classic, has died. He was

believed to be 74. He died at the Hennepin County Medical Centre on Saturday night after apparent cardiac arrest, Ellen Lafans, a nursing supervisor, said. Tiny Tim already suffered from congestive heart failure, diabetes and other problems before he collapsed and fell off the stage on September 28 after a heart attack at a ukulele festival in western Massachusetts.

"If I live 10 years, it's a miracle. Five years, it's even more of a miracle," he said after an 11-day hospital stay that followed the collapse. "I am ready for anything that happens," he said. "Death is

never polite, even when we expect it. The only thing I pray for is the strength to go out without complaining. Born Herbert Khaury, Tiny Tim built an unusual career as an entertainer on

his single hit song in 1968, his stratospheric falsetto. an asexual and childlike stage persona and a shy man's uncanny flair for self-promotranslate his moment of pop fame into an enduring career of concerts and albums.

He hedged about his age The Minneapolis hospital listed him as 66. But he that clusive second hit. "As long as you're recording and they pay the fee, it's like a lottery ticket. You never stop

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Cycling body told to sort out it affairs

THE Government has told the Sports Council to withhold the British Cycling Federation's grant until it has sorted out its affairs, after an audit referred to internal strife and conflicts of interest on the management board and inadequately structured management accounts.

Members of the federation's

executive board passed a vote of no-confidence in its president, Tony Doyle, and asked him to resign a month after he was elected. The repercussions could end in litigation.

Ian Sproat, the Sports Min-

ister, told the Sports Council not to make further payments of the £500,000 which the federation receives annually until it is satisfied the body has put its house in order.

Jon Trickett, Labour MP for Hemsworth, and a member of the Otley cycling club, said the internal audit disclosed concerns about the financial position of the federation, BCF Promotions Ltd, and the Manchester Velodrome. The audit, he said, refers to actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest involving some board members. Speaking in the Commons, he alleged that some members of the federation board were principals of companies that had been sup-

plying it with services.

The report also detailed, he said, a grave state of affairs in relation to the manner in which the federation had been managed. This included inad-equate financial accountability and control.Mr Doyle resigned following questions he is said to have asked concerning federation affairs.

Mr Trickett condemns the way the Sports Council passed on the results of the audit to the recent annual general meeting of the federation.

'Sexist' Cooke faces checks on his US freedom

ALISTAIR COOKE, BBC Radio's veteran commentator on the American way of life, may be subjected to more stringent editorial control after an allegedly "sexist" broadcast.

Commenting on a survey which disclosed that 4 per cent of women in the US armed forces had been the victim of actual or attempted rape, the 88-year-old journalist said he thought the men "showed remarkable restraint". In his regular Letter from America Cooke also expressed surprise that the figure was so low.

BBC presenters said last night that he had overstepped the mark" and editors should check his copy before it was broadcast. "Because of his age and authority everybody is frightened of him," said one.

"Alistair is an institution but perhaps he has passed his sellby date: 88 is a ripe old age. The remark was not sexist — more of a facetious aside. But it should have been picked up by an editor because it could be seen as gratuitously offen-



Cooke: grand old man of radio faces inquiry

sive." The BBC said it received few complaits about the broadcast but an internal inquiry is underway and Cooke will be asked for an explanat-

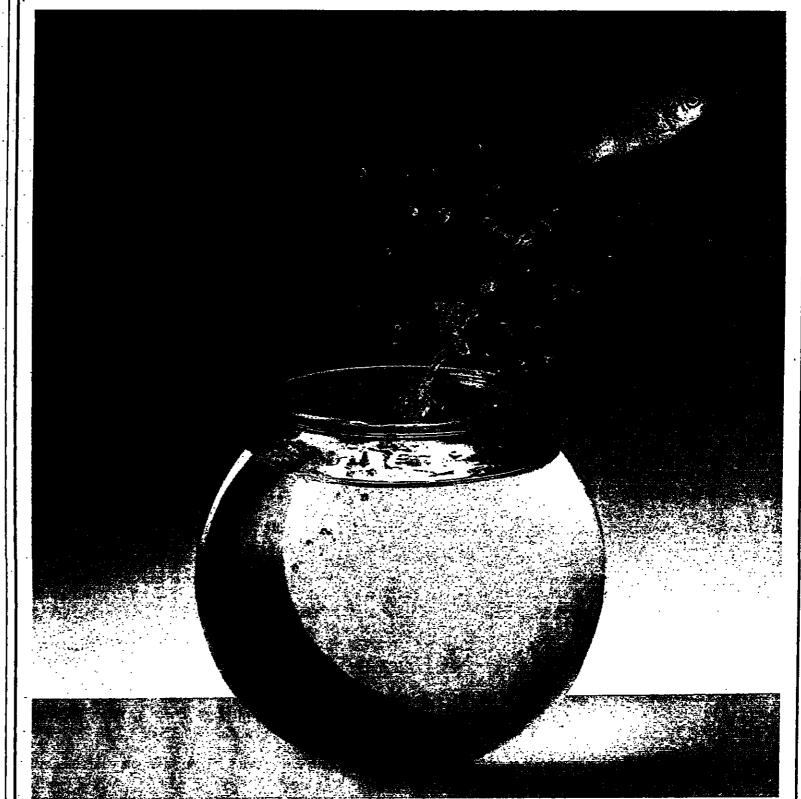
Bel Mooney, the writer and broadcaster, urged BBC edistraint" on his broadcasts. "He is a man of a certain generation and maybe that sort of remark was acceptable when he was young. Today it is not and the RRC should check what he writes.'

Mary Whitehouse, founder of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, said: "He needs a dressing down because this was a very poor show. There is nothing amusing about rape."

Cooke has defended his remarks in typically robust fashion. Critics had distorted his words. There is unfortunately a minority, and this happened ever since the start of the feminist movement, which sits with gritted teeth, and they don't respond to your talk, but what they think is there," he said.

It is hard to think of a figure further from the edge of political controversy (Quentin Letts writes). Cooke has been writing his Letter from America since March 1946. The programmes are not heard in the US, but he is an almost legendary figure, regarded as one of the best-loved "gents" of American broadcasting. Until 1971 to 1993 he present-

ed Masterpiece Theatre on PBS (the Public Broadcasting System) where his English vowels, delivered from a clubby armchair, created an air of old-fashioned courtesy which



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Confusion over patron saint spells trouble for parishioners

BY TIM JONES

FOR more than 150 years, worshippers have been paying homage to a saint they believe established their parish

They have erected a statue of him inside the church and forged links with a German town thought to be associated with him.

Now, a professor has thrown the tiny congregation into turmoil by telling them that instead of worshiping St Disen, they should be praising a man called Denis. Professor Nicholas Orme, a church historian, claims that St Denis's name became muddled because of an old spelling mistake and there is no proof

that St Disen existed. He claims the mistaken name of the church, at Bradninch, near Exeter, was purpose, he was, after all; a

compounded 100 years ago by Dr Charles Croslegh, the then rector, who turned the legend of St Disen establishing the

church into fact. According to Dr Closlegh. Disen, believed to be of Irish descent, was making a trip to Germany when he called in at Bradninch and established a

But Professor Orme said: There is no evidence even that such a saint existed, let alone that he was patron saint of Bradninch."

According to Professor Orme, Croslegh was a better cleric than a historian. "He was fairly amateurish in his research. At that period, although the Church was recognising its saims again, there was a feeling that Celtic saints were better than Roman ones: "I don't say he did it on victim of a printing error, but it was easier to get away with mistakes in those days." Professor Orme's research

has failed to impress the present incombent, the Rev David Robottom. He said: "Many families have been here for generations and for them St Disen is their patron saint, book or no book. . Jim Vallis, a local craftsman

who 20 years ago carved a wooden statue of the saint. which now adorns the church, was angry at suggestions the church should become St Denis's. He said: "It's been called St Disen's for ages. It is what people here are used to and it should stay the same for ever."

In his book on the subject. Professor Orme claims than in Devon alone, because of ignorance or error, more than 150 churches have been dedicated to the wrong patron saint.

Education chiefs call for laws to prevent pupils suing schools

IF TWO former pupils succeed in winning damages from "failing" schools for negligence, hundreds more could be sued at a cost of millions of

Local authority leaders urged ministers yesterday to legislate to prevent further claims being brought, although experts gave the pupils little chance of success. Jack Rabinowicz, a London solicitor specialising in education, is acting for two 17-year-olds who are claiming compensa-tion for poor GCSE results at schools labelled as failing by

Mr Rabinowicz, who chairs the Educational Law Association, won £30,000 damages in an out-of-court settlement last month for a 20-year-old man whose south London school failed to stop him being bullied. He refused yesterday to disclose the names of his latest clients or their schools. but confirmed that both have been granted legal aid.

Head teachers and local authority leaders, alarmed at the prospect of insurers again opting to settle out of court to cut costs, said it was essential for the latest cases to be fought "to the bitter end". Millions of pounds could ride on the legal

Pat Petch, who chairs the National Governors' Council, said the claims of negligence

The Association of Metronolitan Authorities has proposed that case conferences be called, similar to those held by social workers, to decide what to do about violent and disruptive children. It is hoped that this would curb the rise in permanent expulsions from school and that with parents retaining a final right of appeal, confrontations between teachers, parents and gover-nors could be reduced.

did not have any chance of success. But Alan Parker, education officer of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said the Government should be prepared to act immediately if the teen-

A spokeswoman for the Department for Education and Employment said the progress of the cases would be monitored but there were no plans for legislation. "For the moment, this is a matter for the schools concerned."

The teenagers, one of whom left school two years ago without any GCSEs while the other was awarded much poorer grades than expected. are both retaking their courses at sixth-form colleges. They are suing for loss of earnings and seeking compensation for the cost of tuition.

Mr Rabinowicz will rely on

How a turkey survives every season but one

THE news comes too close to Christmas to make much difference to millions of turkeys, but scientists have discovered why the bird has a baid head and neck. It helps it to survive seasonal extremes.

Researchers had believed that the turkey's lack of plummage and exposed, brightly coloured necks and heads, was a display linked with mating, to lure the opposite sex and see off rivals. A far more practical reasonhas been discovered by the first scientific study into the subject. The lack of feathers helps the turkeys of north America — from which the Christmas turkey has been bred to keep cool when the heat is on.

Dr Richard Buchholz, a zoologist at the University of Florida, designed acryllic head socks to simulate the thermal effects of feathers. These were placed over turkeys' heads with holes for eyes and beaks. Four socked turkeys and four unsocked birds were then exposed to a range of temperatures.

At temperatures approaching 35C, the socked birds became increasingly distressed, panting more and getting much hotter thighs. At cold temperatures, the sockless birds simply pulled up feathered skin at the base of their necks and over the exposed areas to keep warm. The researchers believe the finding explains why other species, such as the black vulture, the wood stork and turkey vulture, have lost feathers from parts of their bodies. Dr Richard Buchholz, whose findings are

published in the journal The Auk, says: "Loss of neck and head feathering may have allowed these species to take advantage of regions that previously were unexploitable.

The findings, which help to explain the turkey's ability to live across a range of climates, came from tests on the wild turkey,

which lives between Canada and southern Mexico. The males are twice as large as the females. It was the breed which William Strickland first brought to Britain in 1526, selling six in Bristol for twopence each.



Labour candidate wins over sacking

A HISTORY teacher who was sacked when his school discovered he was fighting John Major for his Huntingdon seat as the Labour candidate at the next general election has won a claim for breach of

Jason Reece, 27, of Peierbor-ough, Cambridgeshire, sued the Jack Hunt grant-main-tained school in the town after its head, Bob Coombe, accused him of failing to disclose his political activities which he

considered "just excessive". Mr Reece was appointed head of history at the school in March last year. His political career then took off and as well as winning a seat on Peterborough council, he was selected by Labour to fight the Prime Minister at the election.

Mr Reece, who was awarded a £700 settlement from the school, said he hoped that entering politics. He said: "What I do in my own time is

my own business. I hope this has established the right of any citizen to stand for Parliament without having to worry whether their employer

Mr Reece said that when he applied for the post his CV stated: "My other interests include contemporary pol-itics." But two months after he was offered the job, the headmaster summoned him. Mr Reece said: "Bob Coombe asked me why I had not mentioned that I was a district council candidate at the inter-view and asked me about my ambitions. I said there was no reason to mention the election as it had no direct relevance to the job and involved my own free time." However, the job offer was withdrawn.

Mr Reece was backed by the National Union of Teachers in his claim. Mr Coombe said the interests of his pupils and denied any prejudice against the Labour Party.

Two-level **GCSE** is unfair on the losers. say heads

By JOHN O'LEARY

CHANGES in GCSE examinations will deprive thousands of pupils of qualifications and desurey the motivation of many more, head teachers said yesterday. To stretch the brightest,

GCSE papers in a growing range of subjects are being offered in two levels of difficulty. Only those taking the harder papers can secure the top grades, which are the passport to a sixth-form place n many schools.

But pupils in this group who fail to reach one of the top five grades are left with nothing because only those entered for the lower tier have access to the bottom three grades.

More than one in ten top tier

entrants in some subjects missed the mark this summer. Head teachers and examination boards are calling for reform before English and other popular subjects join the

system next year.

Kathleen Tattersall, the
Convenor of the Joint Forum
for the GCSE, has told the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority there should be a safety net for candidates entered for the

more difficult papers. A dozen subjects, in classics and the social sciences, had tiered papers for the first time studies, the largest entry af-fected by the change, almost 6 per cent of the 7,866 candidates taking the harder papers were unclassified. There was a sixfold increase in the propor-

In psychology, which had the next largest entry, the effect was even more dramatic. One pupil in eight taking the higher tier was left without a GCSE pass, and the proportion unclassified was almost 20 times higher then in 1995. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, has written to Nick Tate, the SCAA's Chief Executive, expressing "ex-treme concern" at the impact of the changes. Carole Whitty, the head teacher of Carisbrooke School on the Isle of Wight, said: "It can limit children's aspirations quite considerably if you put them in for the tier which restricts them to a C or D grade. You are telling them they only have to mark time in that subject. But schools do not want to risk pupils coming out with nothing, so the temptation is to be cautious." The issue will be discussed at a full meeting of the SCAA next month.

A return to more traditional A levels, with harder examina-English Literature, will be recommended by Government advisers this week

Which free pair will you choose?

the two schools concerned to

be failing to provide an accept-

able standard of education.

More than 200 schools have

failed so far and 300 more are

likely to do so by the time the

cycle of inspections has been

David Hart, general secre-tary of the National Associ-

ation of Head Teachers and a

former solicitor, said inspec-

tors' reports provided only a snapshot of standards. "It

does not mean that the school

was in that state throughout a

pupil's time there, or that it

was the only factor in a pupil's failure. The cases will set alarm bells ringing through-out the system, but the

chances of them succeeding

John Sutton, general secre-tary of the Secondary Heads Association, said: "We have

been expecting something like this since the law lords ruled

that schools could be sued last

year. It might be a welcome

opportunity to set the record straight, but there must be

nothing equivocal about the

Mr Parker said the Govern-

ment should legislate in the

public interest to protect

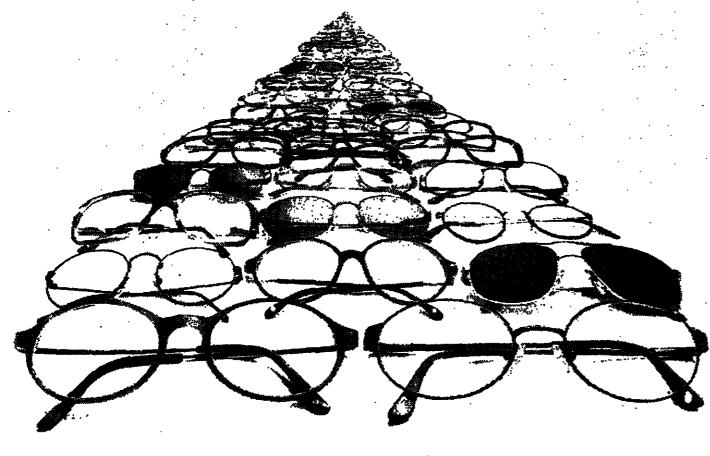
schools if the actions succeed-

about optimising the overall

outcome, not providing a per-fect outcome for each

"The public interest is

must be remote."



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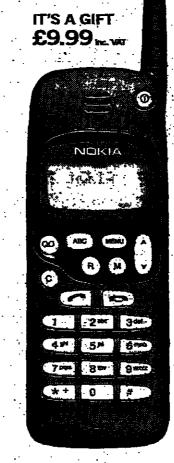
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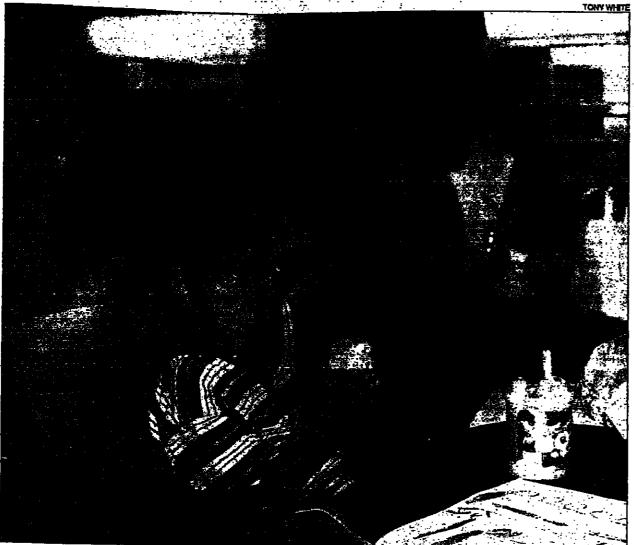
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Fingers crossed: relatives and friends joined Eurotunnel staff yesterday on board the train in the mock evacuation

Tunnel safety exercise dismissed as worthless

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

EUROTUNNEL yesterday staged a mock evacuation of a crowded passenger train deep in the Channel Tunnel in an attempt to convince the safety authorities that scheduled services can resume.

The exercise, 13 days after the fire that closed the tunnel, was described as worthless by local politicians and safety experts, who accused Eurotunnel of putting profits before passengers' lives.

John Noulton, a Eurotunnel spokesman, said that the company was pleased with the evacuation even though it took five minutes longer than the target of two hours and five passengers and crew from the tunnel. "It has all gone satisfactorily," he said, adding that people had been removed from the train to the service tunnel that runs between the two main tunnels within minutes. "Once they were in the

service tunnel, they were safe."

Members of the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority and the intergovernmental com-mission which oversees safety the train, as well as observers from the Department of Transport. They will meet today and later in the week to discuss the emergency exercise. The commission is also to conduct a full check of other safety mechanisms.

Eurotunnel hopes that services will begin later this week. Mr Noulton said the company had "broken the back" of the work required by the safety authorities.

However, the British Safety Council said: "We are still very unhappy with the safety of the tunnel. It is far to early to

putting profits before safety and shrouding this in far too much secrecy."

Roger Gale, Tory MP for Thanet North, complained that Kent Fire Brigade had not

been involved in the exercise. 'l would regard any exercise taking place with the approval

The train was evacuated near the scene of the blaze

of the Kent Fire Brigade and police as satisfactory but any other exercise as meaningless. "The conditions were wholly unrealistic. The problem with the last fire was the smoke, which caused the overhead cables to collapse and left the



boarded a rescue shuttle on standby at the Folkestone end. The evacuees included two people in wheelchairs, about ten infirm elderly people and 20 babies and toddlers. The volunteers will receive a free return ticket on a shuttle train or £10 in duty free vouchers if they are Eurotunnel staff.

will want to travel through it for fear of the same thing

The Eurotunnel spokesman said that Kent and Calais fire

officers contracted to the com-

pany had helped in the mock

evacuation and that there had

been no need to involve other

French and British Euro-

tunnel staff and their families

and friends took part in the exercise, which was similar to

several conducted before the

happening again."

emergency workers.

New drugs 'too costly' for Aids sufferers

By Jeremy Laurance AND NIGEL HAWKES

BRITONS infected with the Aids virus are only half as likely to receive treatment that could extend their lives as sufferers abroad.

Ignorance among doctors and reluctance by a hardpressed NHS to fund more expensive drugs are sending thousands of HIV-infected patients to an early grave. In the United Kingdom 40 per cent of the 20,000 people with HIV known to have consulted a doctor are receiving treat-ment, compared with 79 per cent of the 94,000 HIV patients in France.

The figures, from the pharmaceutical market research company, Isis Research, also show that a third of HIV patients in the UK refuse antiretroviral therapy compared with only 10 per cent in

other countries. The latest drug trials, ported at a conference in Birmingham earlier last month, show that combinations of drugs which include the new protease inhibitors can have dramatic results. They do not eliminate HIV or cure Aids, but they reduce the amount of virus in the body to below detectable levels.

However, a combination of the established drugs. AZT and 3TC, costs £6,500 a year per year of life saved. If a protease inhibitor were added, it would increase the cost per year of life saved to £10,000.

This compares well with the cost of many established dies apies, such as breast screening (£19,000 a year per year of file saved), kidney dialysis (£32,000) and coronary bypass surgery (£73,000). But the cost of treating the whole Aids population of the UK has been worked out at £10.3 million a year for AZT alone, £34.8 million for AZT and ddI, and E50.4 million if a protease inhibitor is added as well.

Outbreak shuts wards to other

to all GP-arranged admissions except suspected cases of the E. coli 0157 food poisoning outbreak. Monklands Hospital in Airdrie is using a third ward to deal with the outbreak. It will be used as an

189 to 209.

"A hospital spokesman said: "Accident and emergency ser-vices are not affected. A number of elective admissions

50 victims are in hospital. Professor Pennington, professor of medical microbiology at Aberdeen University, is heading the Government inquiry into the outbreak and said vesterday: "I think probably the outbreak has peaked. There is still the possibility that we may see some scoondary cases — there may still be bits of food out there that haven't been

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patients

intensive care unit.

Thirty-two 32 adults and a child were being treated yes-terday in the hospital, where the Lanarkshire Infectious Diseases Unit is based. The number giving cause for concern rose from ten to 15 over the weekend, and the number showing symptoms rose from

have been postponed."
Dr Martin Donaghy, consultant in public health for the Lanarkshire Health Board, said one extra confirmed case was reported yesterday: "Due to the delay in the serious effects of the bacterium, we must be prepared for more patients giving cause for concern over the next few days." The outbreak has so far claimed five lives. Across Central Scotland, more than

potted.... His investigation will look "in detail" at the decision to withhold for five days the names of outlets supplied by butchers John M Barr & Son of Wishaw, the firm at the centre of the outhreak. Lanarkshire Health Board has released the name of an additional outlet, Shawhead Post Office: Coathridge, which was supplied with boiled ham and roast beef.

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Scrabble champion's word of difference

ANDREW FISHER was unsure if the word "buyette" existed when he fentiatively placed the seven tiles on Scrabble board. But his 74 points for the word meaning refreshment bar helped the Myear-old accountant to become the 25th national Scrabble champion.

Mr Fisher, from Glaston bury. Somerset, said: "I had an idea it was to do with drinking but I didn't know. what it meant. It was the key to the last game. It gave me the lead and I never lost it." Thec new champion, a run-

ner-up in the 1991 championship, also scored with oche, bidon, and zig. His opponent, Terry Kirk, a 34-year-old financial data editor, from Finchley, north London, lost the final despite producing the highest scoring word, an 84-point "battered".

Mr Fisher, who plays Scrabble against his computer for an hour each week, and plays in a club every formight, said the atmosphere at the three-day competition the Forte Crest Hotel in Regent's



Fisher: refreshed score by 74 points

Park, central London, was serious and defended the game's image: "In the past it was seen as something played by schoolboys and grannies, but the top players are all relatively young people who are serious about it."

A total of 70 competitors, from as far apart as Edinburgh and Cornwall, took part in the Silver Jubilee championship. The top prize

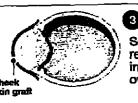


A tooth for an eye will make blind man see

TRANSPLANTING A TOOTH INTO THE EYE Canine or incisor and wedge of jaw bone removed

Plastic optical "window" fitted into curved, rectangular plate cut from tooth and jaw segment, then inserted under skin below eye socket. Soft tissue will grow on to it providing the surgeon with an attachable surface for surgery





Scarred comea tissue removed and skin from inside the cheek grafted

Plate is implanted on eye and skin graft replaced with hole

Finally, a painted contact lens is fitted for cosmetic



Cheek skin graft

Surgeon brings revolutionary

Italian technique to Britain

By Jeremy Laurance, Health correspondent

A BLIND man has had a tooth transplanted into his cheek to help to restore his sight. The second stage of the operation in three months' time will move the tooth into the pa-tient's eye and drill a hole in its centre to support a plastic "window" that will replace a

damaged comea. Bhimji Varsani. 6l, from north London, underwent the first stage at Sussex Eye Hospital, Brighton, last Wednesday. Details of Mr Varsani's operation, the first time that the technique has been attempted in Britain, were withheld until today.

Christopher Liu, consultant ophthalmic surgeon at the hospital, said: This is a revolutionary technique. An artificial plastic cornea would eventually fall out but it will stay in when surrounded by tooth and bone. That is the

It may seem bizarre but it is necessary. There are other types of material we can use ead of tooth and bone, but they don't work long term." Mr Liu, 36, said that he had been *exhausted but exhilarated" after the eight-hour opera-

He studied the technique in Italy, where it was pioneered

by Professor Giancarlo Falcicornea transplants. Mr Varsani, who is married with nelli, who travelled to Britain three adult children and six to assist at last week's operagrandchildren, lost his right tion. About 180 patients have eye through smallpox when he undergone the surgery in Italy, with three quarters gaining He contracted trachoma in

reasonably good sight.

The procedure, to be shown tonight on Tomorrow's World on BBCI, involved removing a tooth and piece of bone from the patient. It was shaped and sanded to provide a rectangular base and drilled to provide a framework for the plastic

The modified tooth was inserted into Mr Varsani's check just below his left eye, where it will remain for two months while tissue grows into it. At the same time a small piece of tissue was taken from inside his cheek and grafted over the front of his left

In the second stage, the tooth will be moved into the eye and the tissue that has grown into it used to stitch it in place. A contact lens fitted over the tooth will disguise its

moved the tooth and piece of appearance.
The operation, which costs jaw bone and shaped it, said that he had suspected an April-£7,000, could help 30 to 50 fool when Mr Liu broached the idea for the surgery. patients a year in Britain whose eyes have been dam-"When Chris first phoned me aged by injury or disease but are not suitable for human up about it. I had a good look



Christopher Liu attending to Bhimji Varsani



Keep off smoggy side of the street

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

MANY busy streets are smoggier on one side than the other, researchers have found. Studies have disclosed that the build-up of hazardous fumes can be up to

three times higher on a particular side.
Asthmatics, people with breathing difficulties and heart conditions, and babies in pushchairs can, as a result, suffer levels of pollution that break national and European health limits, but by crossing the street can be in relatively clean air.

The difference reflects wind direction. People are safer downwind than upwind. The research has been carried out by Alan Penn and Ben Groxford, of the Bartlett School of Architecture at University College London, Mr Penn said vesterday that he was using the findings to decide the healthiest route when taking his six-year-old daughter to school in Highgate,

north London. Mr Penn, a senior lecturer in architecture, said yesterday that the best way of avoiding high levels of funes was to walk on the opposite side of the street from where the wind was blowing. If the wind was coming from the south and a pedestrian was walking east-west, he or she should be on the north side.

The school developed cheap pollutionmonitors, the size of milk carrons, allowing measurements to be made across and along busy streets. The studies show that wind blowing across the road hits high buildings and streams down, bringing. relatively clean air. It bounces back across

the street, gathering the traffic fumes, and pushing them onto the other side.

The research funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, camp in the Government, at the end of last making change the Council of the Council of

Strategy. The strategy sets health limits for pollutants and requires local authorities to draw up action plans to tackle areas of high pollution. It is hoped that the new monitors used in the research, and which some councils are starting to test, will help to provide a truer picture of where

the hot spots are.

Mr Penn said that the corrent network of air pollution monitoring stations was giving misleading results. Most, like the one near Victoria Station in central London, are set back from busy roads in quiet backwaters. Mr Penn said that outside Victoria station, fumes can be up to ten times higher than is officially

The monitors are also showing how some streets can, because of traffic management, switch from being Paintely clean to fume blackspots. Mr. Processid maps might be developed show

Doctors must not turn a deaf ear to noisy riddle

which the patient hears noises, apparently through the ears, when there is no external source of the sound. The noise in the head may be whistling, ringing, hissing or buzzing and it may be intermittent or continuous.

his good eye two years later but he could see well enough

to be a carpenter for 25 years.

Then his sight deteriorated so

badly that he could no longer.

failed to take and he has been

unable to see anything for

more than a year. Within

hours of the complicated sur-

gery, he was sitting up in bed telling how he looked forward

to seeing two of his grandchil-dren, aged five and two, that live with his son in Canada. "I am just looking forward

to seeing people again — then I'll be very happy. Nobody can guarantee it will work but hopefully it will," Mr Varsani

Jim Herold, the consultant

maxillofacial surgeon who re-

Three comeal transplants

Dr Jonathan Hazell, director of research at the Royal National Institute for Deaf. People, is reported to have suggested that tinnitus is "all made mind index is likely to prove contentions and may offent Tratients who have all a headache.

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The report may have over-simplified to Hazell's com-ments that this complex problem families is an early warning symptom of many ear which may result from infections of the ear or throat and sometimes malignancy. It

People with normal hearing can experience the distressing effect of tinnitus if they take drugs which are toxic to the IVIEDICAL BRIEFING

antibiotics. Aspirin and alcohol also cause problems. Ringing in the ears is a frequent sequel to a night of heavy drinking and the noise can be made louder if the sufferer takes aspirin to allow

eave their job or to move blocked; a finger in the ear rapidly demonstrates the lowpitch tinnitus associated with obstruction of the earhole. One of the most common causes of tinnitus is Menière's disease, which incorporates deafness, vertigo and tinnitus. The symptom may be induced by exposure to a very loud noise. In these cases the

tinnitus is usually transient Few doctors would disagree that, although tinnitus is caused by a physical condi-

tion, the response of the sufferer can vary enormously. Treating the mood of patients with tinnitus has been standard medical practice for more than 30 years, and much can be done to the process to become seemed in it. Tangang to the such an important seemed that it always

which should include a specialist ear, nose and throat opinion and appropriate scans of the head and temporal bone. Sometimes when tinnitus stems from diseases in the arteries the sound pulsates in time with the heartbeat A julsatile tinnitus therefore regulars investigation of the carotid and verte-

> Dr Thomas STUTTAFORD

Dangers discovered in 'safer' version of painkiller

HRALTH CORRESPONDENT

A DRUG company has with-drawn a so-called "safe" ver-sion of paracetamol because it carries its own dangers for

some patients.
SmithKline Beecham, the pharmaceutical company, paracetamol is risk free and that more harm could be caused if large numbers started taking the "safe" ver-sion, which is combined with an antidote.

Last week the Government proposed restrictions on the sale of paracetamol because of concern at the rising number of overdoses. At least 30,000 patients a year are treated in hospital for overdoses which can lead to liver damage. In 1994 there were 115 deaths.

Until last month, Smith-Kline Beecham sold a version of paracetamol combined with methionine, the antidote used the drug, called Pameton, has never been promoted, it was available to the general public through pharmacies at £4.88 for 60 tablets. Last week it was withdrawn

from general sale and will in future be available only to individuals or institutions who specifically request it

from the company. Evidence submitted by the company to the Medicines Control Agency which has come to light in the past year shows that methionine may be harmful in pregnancy and may interact with drugs used to treat depression, schizophrenia and Parkinson's disease. Up to 2 per cent of the population who are at risk of familial heart disease have a defect which prevents them metabolising methionine, po-tentially increasing their risk.

The company says that in institutions where the risk of overdose is high, use of the combined preparation may be justified But in normal use, the potential risks of methionine should be avoided.

Dr. Marion, Wellwood, di-rector of medical communications for SmithKline Beecham, said: "We want to make sure it doesn't become a popular substituting for paracetamol Most people don't need it, so why take the

In a letter to The Times today, Dr Keith Jones, director of the Medicines Control Agency, says that in normal use paracetamol is an effective analgesic with an excellent safety record. There is no reason why those who presswitch to an alternative analgesic," he says.

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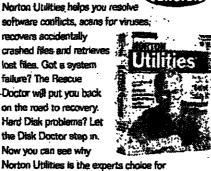
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GPs under scrutiny for 'fake'

drug tests By JEREMY LAURANCE

gate medical fraud in Britain is examining six cases in which doctors are alleged to have faked drug-test results.

The agency, set up four months ago, is also investigatfraud and two of negligence. One of the nine cases is to be heard by the General Medical Council, the doctors disciplinary body, and two others have

been referred to it.
Dr Frank Wells, former medical director of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical industry, set up based at Datchworth, Hertfordshire, with Peter Jay, a former police detective who worked as an investigator for the GMC's solicitors.

Dr Wells said pharmaceuti-cal companies had woken up to the problem of medical fraud and decided to tackle it seriously. A typical case of involved a GP who agrees to undertake research for a drug company which involves recruiting and monitoring volunteer patients. He then finds he cannot cope with the workload, or fails to recruit sufficient volunteers, and rather than lose face or money, fabricates data or invents patients.

There was no body to which cases of suspected fraud could be referred for investigation," Dr Wells said. "We have unearthed seven since August. I don't believe that is because there is more fraud but because there is a need for an agency for people to bring

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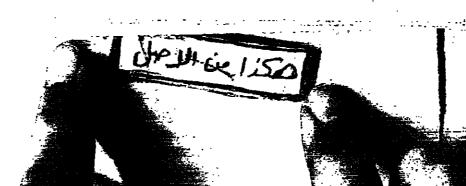


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Willetts to

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DAVID WILLETTS, the Paymaster General, is expected to resign from the Government if Parliament's most senior com-

mittee decides he has been

guilty of a serious mis-

demeanour and recommends

The minister, under investi-

gation for a memo he wrote

when a whip two years ago over the Neil Hamilton affair,

has told close friends that he

would not feel able to carry on

if the Commons standards

and privileges committee was

to propose a severe penalty, such as a brief suspension as an MP.

Senior Conservatives are

voicing doubts over whether

the committee, which meets

again today, will go so far as to recommend a suspension. At issue is the claim that in 1994

he tried to persuade the chair-

man into "exploiting the good

Tory majority to rush through an inquiry into Mr

Hamilton or to put it on the

a tough punishment

Millennium will be a Christian event, **Bottomley pledges**

AFTER pressure from the Prince of Wales and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Virginia Bottomley has promised that the millennium should be an essentially Christian event. The National Heritage Sec-retary, who in the new year will unveil her detailed three-

year plan for the countdown to 2000, said yesterday that she has agreed to make spiritual faith an integral part of the celebration. "I have always been deter-

mined that people should be aware of whose millennium it is anyway," she said yester-day. "We shouldn't be ashamed of it being Christian. On the contrary, we want to identify it as a Christian

Prince Charles and Dr George Carey have voiced concerns to Mrs Bottomley in private talks. By Easter, both had publicly expressed worries about the nature of the millennium celebrations. Writing in Perspec-tives on Architecture, the Prince said it risked becoming "a giant but essentially mean-

ingless party". Mrs Bottomley responded by appointing a committee to co-ordinate millennium events with the churches, but many clergy still had grave doubts. The rejection by the Millennium Commission of a request for £3 million to produce a 13part television documentary about 2,000 years of Christian history - an eminent project supported by the Bishop of Rochester and the chief librarian of the Vatican - severely eroded confidence.

"Time" seemed dubiously secular to senior churchmen, and the Commission had been able to find £21 million for a seed bank at Kew Gardens, £11 million for the Rochdale Canal, £5.5 million for Peterborough cycle routes and £4.5 million to clean beaches in County Durham.

The Prince hosted a dinner for church leaders on October 30, including Dr Carey, Dr Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi, Archbishop Gregor-ious, the head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Britain, and senior representatives of the Roman Catholic and Muslim faiths.

In a letter to one of the guests, the Prince's deputy private secretary at St James's Palace, Stephen Lamport, said: "He was concerned that the millennium projects which were likely to come into being over the next few years would not capture or reflect this inner aspect of the celebration. or provide any means for focusing public attention on the spiritual re-examination and renewal which he feels are a key part of the millennium's

significance." There have been suggestions that the Prince was frustrated because he hoped to be given the job of chairing the Millennium Commission, as Prince Albert had inspired the Great Exhibi-tion in 1851. Instead, the job The milienium theme of was given to the Heritage

> The Prince and Dr Carey want other faiths to join what the Archbishop has called a Christian party to which everyone is we The chief events of the

millennium so far include an exhibition in Greenwich, southeast London, and a giant ferris wheel on the South Bank of the Thames. Much of the money will come from the National Lottery. Mrs Bottomley insists that Britain is far ahead of other countries in its diary of events for 2000. "I am a Conservative, we

are a Christian country, it is a Christian millennium," she said. "Many of the projects the lottery is funding have a church basis. There are grants for church bells and bell towers and church flood-

lighting.
"When people look at the tage, our arts and our sporting infrastructure, we will have a thrilling tapestry of provi-sion." She cited the restoration of Portsmouth Harbour and the Earth Centre at Doncaster.



Gentle touch: Michael Heseltine preparing for television vesterday. He ruled out a tougher line on the euro

By Philip Webster POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Deputy Prime Minister yesterday tried to quash sugestions that the Government is preparing a tougher line against the single currency in the run-up to the election.

Michael Heseltine angered

Euro-sceptics by apparently ruling out a statement by the Prime Minister minimising the chances of Britain going into monetary union in 1999. John Major is reported to have told friends that he would be prepared to declare publicly that the chances of Britain joining are "very remote". There have been persistent signs that several Heseltine damps sceptics' hopes

members of the Cabinet want to reconsider the wait-and-see policy early in the new year. Yesterday, however, Mr Heseltine appeared to be lin-ing up with Kenneth Clarke to oppose any hardening of the policy when he said that Mr Major had no intention of going beyond the present

Asked on BBCI's On the Record if Mr Major would rule out entry in 1999, he

that." Mr Heseltine added: "He will not add or detract from the statement that he has very properly made, and is totally consistent with the one thing that will determine the Prime Minister's view — that is the British interest.

"The issue is very, very simple. Discussions are going on about what a single curren-cy regime will look like if it happens. If it happens, one

Mr Clarke is to meet Euro-

pean finance ministers in Brussels today to discuss plans to enforce budgetary discipline after the euro is launched in 1999. Mr Heseltine said that Tory backbenchers were wrong to be "nervous" about the meeting. The Treasury said that no decisions would be taken in Brussels ahead of the Com-

way or the other — in or out — it is of interest to us because we are part of the time zone. we have the City of London and the massive financial interest that represents, so we have to be part of any discussion about what it would look

back-burner. In spite of the fierce attack in the committee on Mr Willetts Quentin Davies, Tory MPs are hoping it will find that Mr Willetts was guilty of foolishness and exaggerating his role rather than suggest that he offended against Parliament. Mr Davies will have the crucial vote.

Small firms replenish Tory funds

SMALL private companies are beginning to replace larger firms as the chief corporate donors to the Tory party (James Landale writes).

Analysis of 5,000 company reports by *Labour Research*, a nagazine independent of the Labour Party, shows that the number of identifiable large corporate donors has dropped to 133 in the past financial year from 194 a year earlier.

But in the past five years, the proportion of donations from small companies has risen from 23 per cent to 37 per cent. The bulk of donations, totalling £19 million last year. comes from rich individuals.

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Labour MPs who signed Blair attack escape penalties



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By James Landale POLITICAL REPORTER

THREE Labour MPs who signed a left-wing petition critical of Tony Blair seem likely to escape punishment from the party whips.

Alan Simpson, Jeremy Corbyn and Eddie Loyden put their names to a petition organised by the Socialist Workers Party that attacked Labour frontbenchers and condemned any attempt to weaken Labour's links with the trade unions.

So far, the petition has been signed by some 15,000 Labour party members and officials, trade unionists, and members of socialist groups. Despite claims that the three MPs, all members of the left-wing Campaign tough disciplinary code for Labour MPs, party sources yesterday made clear that no investigation would be carried out. "We do not regard this as a disciplinary matter," one source

A Labour spokesman said that it was uncertain whether the MPs knew they were signing a petition organised by the SWP. What they signed is a matter for them," he said.
"They must justify their own

Mr Simpson, MP for Nottingham South, said he had signed many petitions in support of maintaining the link been the party and the unions, and had been unaware that particular one had been organised by the SWP. He said he abhorred the "sectarian" politics of the SWP and had written to them distancing himself from their Mr Corbyn, MP for Islington North, confirmed that he had signed

a petition during the Labour party conference at Blackpool in October, but said that he had not been aware it was from the SWP. He added: "I think people should look at the merits of the issue, which is defending the rights of people who belong to trades unions and the

> that are imposed on unions in this Mr Leighen MP for Liverpool Garston, said that he could not

removal of the incredible restrictions

remember signing the petition. Labour's new disciplinary code, to be discussed by its MPs this week. would ban them from doing anything which brought the party into disrepute. The code is unlikely to cover the three MPs' action and would not operate retrospectively.

The petition voices anger at "recent statements from Labour Party leaders which suggest a Labour govern-ment will continue many Tory

It says: "We protest at statements by David Blunkett and Tony Blair suggesting that Labour will not only keep the present anti-union laws but may make them tougher." It also criticises Stephen Byers, the Shadow Employment Minister, for suggesting that Labour could sever its links with the unions, and protests at Mr Blair's support for a statement by Kim Howells, the Shadow Industry Minister, saying that Labour could abandon any use of the word socialism.

The petition, to be published shortly in the left-wing newspapers Tribune, New Statesmen and Society. Socialist Worker and Morning Star, will be presented to Mr Blair in the new year. A SWP spokesman said that the Labour party could not ignore the 15,000 signatories to the petition. "They are people who have held the Labour movement together over the last 15 years and feel very disillusioned with the way things are going," he said.

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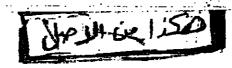
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Charter winners make their mark in record number

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor.

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sternest critics sympathised with staff. Terry English, con-

troller of welfare for the Royal

British Legion, said: "Staff do

their very best but there are

not enough people to cope with the work. There are also serious delays with appeals." Kevin Caldwell, the agency's

chief executive, said that it was

An award for high stan-dards in education facilities is

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Prison, Stockton-on-Tees,

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Charter Marks, pages 39-41

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properly.

A RECORD 323 organisations will today receive Charter Mark awards for their standards of public service. Winners include schools, hospitals, police forces and benefit

However, for the first time, a prominent public body has lost its gold-medal rating. The judges decided that it would be unacceptable for the War Pensions Agency to retain its Charter Mark after a new computer system led to a backlog of claims and thousands of complaints.

Awards are being made to nine privatised water and electricity companies, although only two - Midlands Electricity and Wessex Water - were nominated by customers. Their selection drew attacks last night from Labour critics. They were particularly infuriated by awards to Norweb, now part of United Utilities, which faced a shareholder revolt over executive pay, and Severn Trent Water, hich has been criticised for its pollution record.

The others are Anglian Water, Dwr Cymru Weish Water, Manweb, Northern Electric and Scottish Power. Roger Freeman, the Public Service Minister, said that winners had to demonstrate excellence in nine criteria, including user satisfaction, to a panel of independent judges. Directors' pay was not one of their

Charter Mark is now established as the award for excellent public services," he their families, was held to

Local authorities won 109 Charter Marks. They include: Birmingham City Council, "wasp buster" unit; Brorbourne Borough Council, Hertfordshire, sends old people birthday cards to advise of allowance changes: East Herts District Council. ompost collection; Brent Libraries, north Loudon, open 73 hours a week, all

said. "I would like to congratulate all those working in the winning services. They are dedicated people who have gone the extra half and de-

day Sunday, Westminster City Council, 24-hour anti-

noise team.

serve the recognition." The scheme is open to any service dealing directly with the public which controls its own budget. A total of 737 applied. The winners receive a £70 crystal award and certificate from Michael Heseltine the Deputy Prime Minister.

Five organisations lost their Charter Mark: Goodwood Court surgery in Hove, Sussex: Hounslow Council care and repair service: Waltham Forest Council advice and information service; Merthyr Tydfil consumer advice service; and the War Pensions Agency, based at Norcross, near Blackpool. The agency, which handles about 140,000 claims a year from former servicemen and women or

Reading with father: award-winning Holme House Prison, Stockton-on-Tees, allows immates to be joined by their children for afternoon literacy classes

Airport silences some critics with anti-noise efforts

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

COMPLAINTS about aircraft noise at Heathrow have plummeted despite a sharp rise in the number of flights from the world's busiest international airport. But they have climbed at Gatwick, where BA has introduced hundreds of additional flights.

Figures to be released next week will show that in the three months to September there were 56,646 flights at Heathrow, up 6 per cent on last year. The number of noise complaints was 1,254 compared with 1,670 in the same period last year.

The latest figures for Gatwick show a 43 per cent year-on-year rise in complaints. The number of night flights there has gone up by 70 per cent, according to local

BAA, the airports authority, is to introduce tighter noise limits at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted next month with fines of up to £1,000 for its. BAA also charges older, noisier jets 30 per cent more to land at Heathrow which, it says, has led to a sharp drop in their number. "The measures we are taking to improve the noise environment, together with the airline industry's gradual introduction of quieter aircraft and the work which has gone on at Heathrow visitor centre to monitor and explain why there is a noise problem, appear to be working," a Heathrow spokesman said. We will continue to work hard to bring about further

improvements."
Residents and environmen tal groups said that the reduction was a short-term blip. BAA's noise-monitoring unit admitted that the 1995 figures had been exaggerated by sev-eral weeks of concentrated use of one runway instead of the normal alternating of take-off

Dermot Cox. of the Heathrow Association for the Con-trol of Aircraft Noise, said: These figures fluctuate from time to time and we know that there is a general worsening of the noise problem in a vast and widening area around

Drivers admit 50 blunders a week

By JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

is careless, aggressive and makes about 50 serious mistakes a week, according to a survey of driving habits.

The study of 300 drivers. including 50 who kept detailed diaries of all their car journeys, found they made an average of 2.6 errors which could cause an accident on all their 19 trips a week. Young drivers were the worst, confessing to 72 mistakes weekly, while older ones said they committed only 28.

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Overall, they admitted being careless at least once on 98 per cent of their journeys and drove badly, for example by misjudging corners, on 83 per cent. They were prey to . road rage" on 13 per cent of trips and feelings of anger or recklessness at least once ev-

THE average British motorist ery other journey. The single most common risk taken was speeding, admitted on 37 per cent of journeys and a factor in 22 per cent of crashes.

More than half the motorists said they had had an accident, with 60 per cent blaming the other driver and 20 per cent accepting the blame themselves. Only 4 per cent said their crashes, were genuine accidents with no human error involved. The others shared the blame or plamed a third party.

Gary Lubner, the managing director of Autoglass, which commissioned the survey, said he was so shocked by its passed on to the Department of Transport. He said: "Drivers don't have accidents

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Serb leader faces growing dissent

Ministry tries to quell protests against

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Milosevic

AS UP to 100,000 demonstrators demanding the resigna-tion of President Milosevic took to the streets of Belgrade yesterday. Serbia's Interior Ministry warned that it would no longer tolerate "any element of violence.

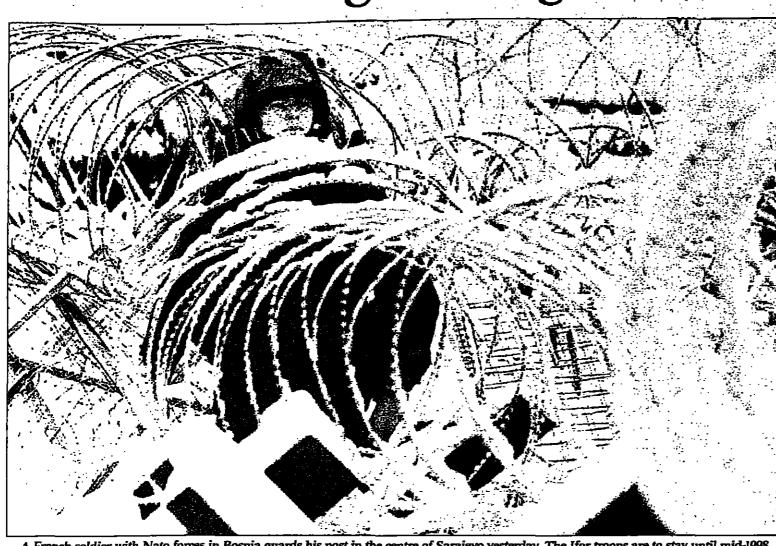
The warning came as Zoran Djindjic, one of the principal to spread the protests to other Serbian cities, and MPs hostile to President Milosevic said they would resign their seats when Parliament meets to-

The state television centre and the Milosevic-controlled stoned during the demonstrations. Protesters have accused provocateurs of launching the

Mr Djindjic told an inde-pendent radio station in Nis. decided to broaden the protests to another six or seven towns. The network of protest and civil disobedience is taking hold ... This is a test of legality, we are defending the

Belgrade, the capital, has been an opposition stronghold. Nis, however, has been loyal to Milosevic.

Although the Zajedno (Together) opposition coalition is



A French soldier with Nato forces in Bosnia guards his post in the centre of Sarajevo yesterday. The Ifor troops are to stay until mid-1998

backbone of the protest move-

"We won't live under the same regime as our parents did, Mihajlo Jakeevic, 2l. a medical student said. "They might not have wanted to live under Communism, but had no choice. We are determined

to choose. Their place is in history. where all other Communists have gone already." added fraud in recent municipal elections before turning into a campaign for Mr Milosevic's

In the war of nerves, Vuk Draskovic, the other key opposition leader, is calling on the Serbs to follow the example of Prague demonstrators who forced the Communists out in 1989 after 47 days of peaceful

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credibility abroad as well as forcing recognition of opposition victories in the elections. Serbia is remarkable unity. But underneath there are personal vanities and animos-

not be more different. Mr

ities, old scores and political

expediency, of playing up to Radovan Karadzic's Bosnian

Mr Draskovic, however. who abandoned nationalist rhetoric before former Yugoslavia plunged into war, stood firm and as a result lost many of his earlier supporters.

In Pale, seat of the Bosnian

the Bosnian peace process While Mr Draskovic remains a romantic who is often car-Djindjic is a cool-headed politician.

He showed his ruthlessness in 1993 when he ousted his Dragoljub the man who founded the Democratic Party. They split when Mr Djindjic made a U-turn to embrace Serb nationalism and struck up a close relation-ship with Dr Karadzic.

election 'rigged'

PRESIDENT SNEGUR was rig the ballot as Moldovans voted in the second round of their first multi-candidate presidential election.

"People have been paid to vote. Other inventions to falsify the results are being used," Petru Lucinschi, the left-wing challenger, said. Mr Snegur, President of the former Soviet republic since independence in 1991, accused his opponent of dirty tricks, however, Polls showed the two running neckand-neck after Mr Lucinschi won 28 per cent of the vote in the first round last month.

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European unification".

Loyal partner gets cold feet at prospect of fiscal marriage

arl Weik, an American who studied the way big companies liked to say that organ-isations act in order to discover what they are doing". Remember Mr Weik's Kohl trying to work out what they are doing together in their three encounters over the next formight.

When the French political establishment signed up so blithely for a European single currency that would bring them leverage over the Bundesbank, they had no idea they were buying tickets on a voyage of discovery. Over the past five years, events have uncovered all about monetary union.

in national politics, voters digest, accept or reject new ideas fairly fast. European Union politics work slug-gishly: the system is hybrid, ernmental. With 15 states, 12 languages, 380 million people and decision-making encoded in robotic jargon. the impact of treaty changes and Euro-laws dawns slow ly. Although the French Government signed Maastricht years ago, the roof-raising, no-holds-barred single currency dispute has

only just crupted.

Confidence in the euro is draining out of French politicians like sawdust from a ment at 12.6 per cent and rising, growth stuttering and an election due in 15 ministers are backed against the wall. Even Jacques Delors, the fling about how monetary union cannot work unless the EU agrees a growth

Translated into English. that means either that the single currency rules have to

Last week, Herr Kohl replied "All proposals going in the direction of relaxing the criteria [for EMU] or of a devaluation at the heart of the European monetary system would be damaging to the common cause," he rumbled in Nouvel Observateur.

statement that "being deeply convinced that there is no responsible alternative to a united Europe, Germany and France will remain the exactly the same reasons." promoters of the process of

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beat of bankers' warnings from Frankfurt. Price stabilesbank. Low deficits are for ever, says Alexandre Lamfatary union means that its 'heart and soul", says the Bundesbank's Otmar

ment's message to its oppwant a say in our monetary policy? So let our countries

altar. Once upon a time, its leaders be-French nation being upset clearer, no one can explain how French traditional au-

Iron-clad "stability pacts" inside an EU hard core last week on André Mairaux sound a touch hollow. Nobody says it out loud in means a less French France.

No one, least of all M Chirac or Alain Juppé, his punch-drunk Prime Mirushas seen off gleeful British predictions of Paris-Bonn crises before and the alli-ance across the Rhine has always muddled through.

The problem does not go away, however. The scholar Emmanuel Todd summed up the dilemma with pithy cruelty: "If they give up the already suffered too much for its sake. If they do it, they'll be incinerated for

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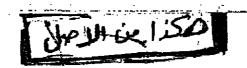
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THE TIMES MONDAY DECEMBER 2 1996 French drivers' victory set to spark fresh wage unrest FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

festive protest

Bonn: European econom-

angels marched through

Berlin to protest against

government spending

cuts (Roger Boyes writes). The Father Christmas-

es are threatening to go on strike. In another blow

sweet industry talks over

sick pay collapsed. Con-

fectionary workers are

threatening to paralyse 11

chocolate and biscuit

factories.

children yesterday

FRANCE'S road system slowly returned to life at the weekend as lorry drivers congratulated themselves on a hugely successful strike and the country began a grim assessment of the polifical and economic damage caused by a 12-day strike likely to provoke similar unrest in other sectors.

"Is this victory contagious?" wondered Le Journal du Dimanche yester-day beneath a headline declaring

Lorry Drivers - Now the Bill." Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, proclaimed that a "balanced outcome" had been achieved, but the dispute has

been more widely seen as an embarrassing rout, in which the drivers paralysed the country and won all they wanted from an enfeebled Government desperate to avoid further disruption. The list of conces-

sions - retirement at 55, payment for loading and resting equivalent to a 10 per cent wage rise and a £400 one-off pay bonus -- has prompted envious noises from other workers. The strike enjoyed wide public support, but it has set into stark relief the weakness of a Government forced to dig deep into the public purse and use its decree powers to end an illegal

blockade of roads, ports

and fuel depots. Last year, when faced with a crippling 24-day transport strike, M Juppe climbed down over efforts to scale back ludicrously generous pension benefits for state-employed rail workers. This year he has gone further, using taxpayers' money to buy

off disgruntled private-sector workers. The Government has repeatedly called for looser market regulation, a scaling back of the welfare system and cost-cutting to ensure France meets the deficit-reduction rules for European monetary union. When the French drivers slammed on the brakes, how-ever, it took just 12 days before the Government came up with new social benefits, fresh regulation and a large

"It is always the same a group of

workers with the power to blackmail takes the country hostage and forces the state, which can ill-afford it, to step in and hand them victory," lamented Franz-Olivier Giesbert, Editor of the conservative Le Figaro. The lorry drivers' strike perfectly illustrated "the French sickness", he observed.

Commentators on the Left have also wondered at M Juppe's willingness to buy off a special interest group. Serge July of Libération said the Prime Minister was setting a "bad example by interfering in the private sector. offering concessions and making ex-ceptions which will

legitimise other de-EMU provokes mands in other areas". Workers at France's oil refineries have called for a strike next week to demand, among other ic and monetary union concessions, retirement caught up with Christmas at 55. The state-run gas yesterday when more than 100 Father Christand electricity utilities will mount a 24-hour mases and a handful of strike tomorrow.

Before the drivers' dispute, the volume of social protest this year appeared muted and the level of turnout during a "day of action" last month was low. However, the events of last week have changed the political landscape.

The hardline CGT union called the drivers' blockade a "formidable encouragement to all wage-earners" and called for "a powerful social movement uniting unions

across the country".

M Juppé may find he has bought an expensive peace in one battle, only to start a war.

Agen: M Juppé called on the Gaullists to stop sniping and unite behind him as the party celebrated its twentieth anniversary. M Juppe, the president of the Gaullist RPR, founded by President Chirac as political heir to postwar leader General de Gaulle, urged the party to back his austerity reforms to bring France into the

European single currency in 1999.
Philippe Seguin, his Gaulist rival
for the leadership, addressed a separate rally. He said: "Anniversaries are intended not only for memories. They are there to blaze a trail. (Reuter)



The Pope presides over the first vespers of Advent, the start of the church year, in St Peter's on Saturday when he called for greater unity between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches.

He also formally opened three years of eelebrations leading up to 2000 - the start of the third Christian millennium - which he has declared a holy year, saying he would be there "at God's

The millennia belong to Christ, especially the two which

Pope looks to millennium

mark his coming to the world and whose anniversary we shall celebrate," said the Pope, 76, who looked tired but in relatively good health after last month's surgery

to remove his appendix.
He said Christians should spend the last three years of the century preparing themselves millennium". (Reuter)

spiritually for the new millenni-um and he called on humanity to show a stronger social conscience and more brotherly love.

The Pope has made Christian unity a primary goal of the run-up to 2000 and on Saturday he sent a letter to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, the leader of the world's Orthodox Christians. In it he hoped that Christians could arrive at 2000 "if not united, at least closer to resolving the divisions of the second

Deficit dispute tests strained **Paris-Bonn axis**

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

and Germany over the proposed single currency will be on display in Brussels today when European finance ministers try to settle a dispute over rules for fining countries that run up exces-

sive budget deficits.

Although Tory Eurosceptics have dramatised the ministerial gathering as a showdown for Britain, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is under little pressure since his stance on the socalled stability pact is shared with France and the majority of member states.

Ranged against them are Germany and The Netherlands, who are holding out for tough rules to punish governments that threaten the future euro by spending

beyond their means.

To the anger of its anti-Maastricht critics, the Government backs the principle behind the stability pact, calling it necessary to ensure the future economic health of Europe whether Britain joins the single currency or not. It insists that the British opt-out from economic and monetary union (EMU) will fully exempt Britain from the pact if it decides against

joining.
Mr Clarke has promised to seek further guarantees from his European col-leagues and will place a "scrutiny reserve" on any decision today, pending next week's debate in parliament and the Dublin European Union summit in ten days. He also rejects claims that Britain could be subject to diktats from Brussels under a procedure, being discussed today, that will strengthen the EU's surveillance of all members' economies

Mr Clarke and EU officials note that the only sanction under the "reinforced" scheme would be a public rebuke from Brussels. This would come about only if Britain ran a recklessly inflationary budget.

Michael Heseltine, the

deputy Prime Minister, said yesterday that it was pointless to promise guarantees before the stability pact had been settled. Diplomats do

TENSIONS between France not expect Germany to give much ground today in the quarrel over the fine print of the stability pact, a dispute which is adding to fresh French resentment towards

Bonn over the painful costs of preparing for EMU.

The heart of the dispute involves the definition of the "temporary and exceptional" circumstances under which badly-performing govern-ments will be let off penalties. These fines, which can be given back to the offending state if it returns quickly to virtue, are to be fixed at a maximum of 0.5 per cent of

Britain, France and their partners want to leave maximum discretion to the political leadership, but Germany wants penalties to kick in automatically for delinquent governments unless they are suffering from a recession of an annual 2 per cent of gross national prod-

The latest bout of jitters has been sharpened by the lorry drivers' strike and by a call from Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the former Presi-dent and co-founder of the monetary system, for the franc to be devalued as a way of rescuing the country from its crippling level of

unemployment.
President Chirac and
Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, sought to smooth over differences at a dinner in Périgueux on Saturday night and the two are due to meet tomorrow to coordinate their approach to the Dublin summit.



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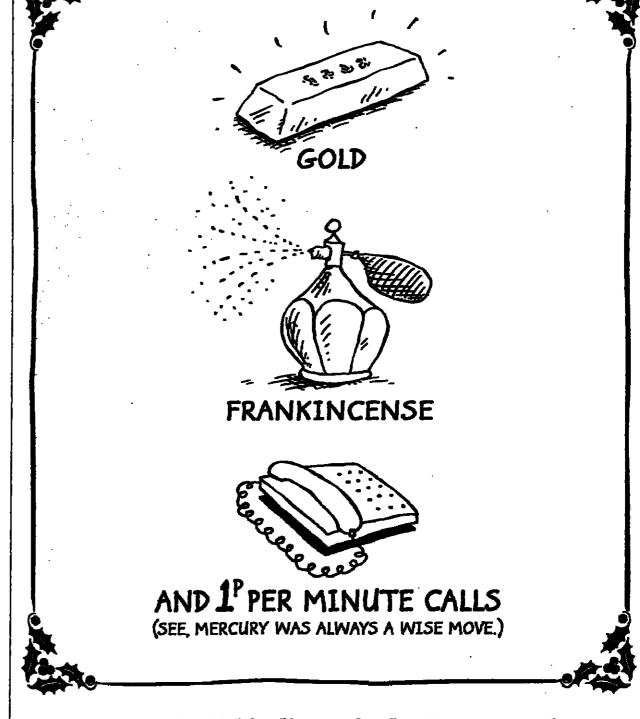
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Curfew imposed as mutineers fire on French forces

By BEN MACINTYRE

THE President of the Central African Republic imposed a curfew on Bangui, the capital, last night as fighting between mutinous army units and French-backed government troops spread and hundreds of residents fled the city. In a radio address President

Patasse hinted that he would soon authorise a full-scale assault by the presidential guard to end the rebellion that began two weeks ago.

"In my position as com-mander-in-chief, I could have ordered military operations to bring this rebellion to an end, but it would have harmed civilians. Thus I was patient. I have two demands: lay down your arms immediately and without conditions." M Patasse told the rebels.

Government troops and rebels exchanged heavy fire after rebels shot at patrolling French soldiers. Two civilians were killed in the crossfire and sporadic gunfire continued

France has about 1,500 troops stationed in the republic and they have repeatedly intervened to keep M Patasse in power. Dozens of people killed when French troops crushed army rebel-lions in April and May.

French soldiers were yesterday supporting the presiden-tial guard and guard and securing strategic points throughout



Bangui, including the presidential palace. The rebel units have effectively been trapped in the southern and western parts of the city, military officials said yesterday as French warplanes flew over the city.

The mutiny began on Nov-ember 15, when soldiers demanded back-pay and the resignation of the President. The rebellion has since evolved into a regional and tribal conflict, splitting the army between soldiers from M Patasse's northern area and southerners loyal to Gen-eral Andre Kolingba, the former President.

General Kolingba was defeated by M. Patasse in the country's first multiparty elections in 1993. The President has blamed the country's chaotic finances and the army's lack of pay on corruption by the previous military regime. has also fuelled the rebellion. with mutineers claiming M

Patasse is a Paris puppet. Parts of the south of the country are already under rebel control and residents in the south and west of the city began fleeing south at the weekend, fearing an outbreak of tribal violence and an imminent attack by the presi-dential guard with French

The rebels say they have been denied several months of back-pay. "We demand the resignation of President Patasse and we are ready to put down our arms as soon as he leaves," Sergeant Christian Guere, a rebel spokesman, said. The rebels have issued a warning that they will open fire if French troops try to

intervene in force.

M Patasse was in Europe when the mutiny erupted. He returned to Bangui last Tuesday insisting that there would be no concessions to the rebels. The funeral of Jean-Bedel

Bokassa, the dictator and selfstyled emperor of the Central African Republic, has been postponed due to the army mutiny. France's military bases in Bangui were crucial to French military interven-tion in Rwanda in 1994 and are likely to be used again if the United Nations authorises a multinational intervention

Hutus in Burundi clash with Tutsi-led militia

By Our Foreign Staff

BURUNDI'S main Hutu rebel group said yesterday its forces were engaging Tutsi army positions in five main regions of the Central African nation and fierce fighting was sending thousands of refugees streaming into Tanzania.
Innocent Nimpagaritse,
East Africa representative for the National Council for the Defence of Democracy, said fighting was raging in the provinces of Kayanza, rural Bujumbura, Bururi, Rutana and Ruyigi. He said the show

trenched inside Burundi. Earlier this week the Burundian Army reported fighting eight miles south of the capital Bujumbura. The three-year-old civil war pits Burundi's Tutsi-led military junta against rebels drawn

of force by the Hutus proved

from the majority Hutu tribe. In a related development, a Zairean officer said yesterday that Ugandan troops had taken control of a strategic town in North Kive province in northeast Zaire, raising fears of an escalation in cross-

border incursions. ☐ Envoy recalled: Zaire recalled Ramazani Baya, its Ambassador to France, after he was involved in a car accident in which two French boys were killed last week, a French Government spokes-



A refugee, shouldering his belongings, waits for transport near the border town of Gisenyi on his return home to Rwanda. About 10,000 a day have been leaving camps in eastern Zaire, where government forces are fighting separatists

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Israel defiant as **Arab League** starts crisis talks

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

Jordan Valley area of the occupied West Bank would remain forever a part of the Jewish state. His declaration came as the

Arab League held an emer-gency session in Cairo to consider strategies to halt Jewish settlement expansion in the West Bank and Gaza

In a statement issued by his office, Mr Netanyahu said that he had told settler repre-Jordan Valley as inseparable from the state of Israel in any

permanent agreement". The statement also said that the Government was totally committed to the prosperity of the valley, including setting aside funds for developing infrastructure and roads "even in a tough budget year". David Levy, a Jordan Valley settler leader, said Mr Netanyahu had promised his group that 400 to 500 more homes for Jews would be made in the area

Mr Netanyahu's commitment to maintain the area is certain to create more friction with Arab leaders, and the Palestinians who claim the West Bank for themselves.

Shortly before his statement, the Palestinian Authority gave a warning at the Arab League's meeting that Israel's policies would reignite vio-

"Israel insists on ripping apart the West Bank to prevent the creation of a Palestinian state, but we are determined to defend our lands by all possible means racist settlement

Arab lands.



Netanyahu: promised

lence in the region.

lans," the authority said. Syria's representative, Issa Darwish, told reporters that the international community sentatives during a meeting had failed to make Israel, "that the Government saw the adhere to UN resolutions on withdrawal from all occupied



500 new settler homes

Hijack jet recordings denied to experts

IN JOHANNESBURG

BRITISH and American reopian Airlines plane that crashed off the Comoros islands häve been türned down. The Comoran authorities said at the weekend that they were seeking advice from international civil aviation authorities before releasing them crashed after running out of fuel, killing 125 people, includ-

ing six Britons.

The "black box", which records cockpit communications, was recovered by divers and may contain information that could help investigators in their efforts to understand the hijacking and crash. 🖫

At the weekend two passer gers detained for a week for questioning about the hijacking were hoping to leave the islands after being freed by police. Michael Odenyo, a Kenyan businessman, and Souleimane Ahmed Muhammad, a trade unionist from Djibouti, were wrongly identi-

fied as hijackers by survivors. Cheikh Salim, a public pros-ecutor on the islands, said that Yonas Mehuria, the co-pilot, had identified two of the hijackers among the 125 bodies. The third is presumed to be among the victims.

Fire attack on priest Rome: An Italian man poured

petrol over a priest and set him on fire because he blamed him for his failed marriage. Pierfrancesco Caratelli, 28, was charged with attempted murder for the attack on Father Mario Torregrossa, 52, who had performed the marriage ceremony. (Reuter)

Crash sentence

Paris: A French court has jailed a teenager, 19, for seven years for planting a piece of metal on a railway line "just to see what would happen". A commuter train crashed, killing four people. (Reuter)

Café to go

Hobart: The Broad Arrow cafe at Port Arthur, Tasmania, where Martin Bryant murdered 20 of his 35 victims in a shooting spree last April, is to be dismantled. A memorial will be erected there. (AFP)

Bus tragedy

Damascus: Seventeen people, including six children, burnt to death and 20 people were injured after their bus blew a tyre, overturned and caught fire in northern Syria. (AP)

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IN WASHINGTON

THE United States is sharply cutting back its military presence in Okinawa, the Clinton Administration is expected to announce today. The concession is being made after Japanese anger at the rape of a schoolgirl by three American Marines 14 months ago. William Perry, the Defence

Secretary, flew to Japan yesterday to conclude the pact, in the hope that it will bring to a close two years of tension between the US and one of its most important allies. It marks an acknowledgement by the US that Japanese concern over the behaviour of American servicemen threatened to sour relations between. the countries.

"I have to say that I'm very proud of what we have

ted Arab Emirates. "There is no security relationship for the United States that is more important than the US-Japan alliance, which has been an absolute bedrock of stability in the Asia-Pacific region."

The move comes in the wake of Mr Clinton's post-election tour of Asia, in which he attempted to smooth America's increasingly strained trading and security relationships in the region.
Both Governments believe

that the US military presence is necessary to maintain stability in the Pacific and to counteract fears of Chinese expansion. Okinawa, an island 650 miles south of Tokyo and close to North Korea and China, is of enormous strategic value, and has supported up to three-quarters of US servicemen in Japan.

But the culture clash between the islanders and the boisterous Marines, whose low ground flights and artil-



and scales down Okinawa base

Perry: hopes agreement will appease Japanese

lery training disrupted everyday life, provoked a loud "Yankee Go Home" campaign. Public anger came to a head 14 months ago when a 12year old schoolgirl was raped. All three servicemen were tried and convicted in a Japanese courf.

President Clinton personally expressed his deep regret to

US officials have been concerned that if steps to appease public anger were not taken. the US might be forced to withdraw its entire military

Last year Japanese women placed a full-page advertisement in The New York Times calling for the removal of all troops. Walter Mondale, the US Ambassador to Japan who resigned last month, has said that the case was his most difficult task in three years in Tokyo.
Under the agreement,

drawn up by a joint Japanese-American committee, the US will return about 12,000 of the 58,000 acres used by the US military on Okinawa. The land includes 9,000 acres of mountainous jungle used for combat and survival training.

Marine Corps training pro-grammes and flights will be changed to reduce noise, parachute drops will be relocated

away from villages and physi-cal training hikes on public roads will be stopped. Live artillery training, which used to take place across one of the island's main highways, lorcing it to close regularly, will

now be relocated. In one of the most costly changes, the US will close the Marine Corps Air Station at Futenma, a leading helicopter base, in the next five to seven years. Talks are continuing on whether the Japanese Government will pay for a new \$2 bil-lion (£).2 billion) floating helipad off the Okinawa coast.

Mr Perry is expected to finalise the agreement today with Yukihiko Ikeda, Japan's Foreign Minister, and Fumio Kyuma, Defence Minister.

We have significantly reduced the burden on the Okinawan people," Mr Perry said yesterday, adding: "We have maintained the vital security mission that the US forces are there to perform."



Mother Teresa told she cannot go home

Delhi: Mother Teresa, 86, woke yesterday morning after a heart operation on Saturday and asked doctors to send her home to be with fellow nuns at her Missionaries of Charity headquarters in Calcutta. She was told she was tooill to be moved (Christopher Thomas writes). "I can look after myself," she argued, but doctors said her longstanding lung

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of major concern and were complicating her condi-tion. Round-the-clock prayers for her recovery are being offered by nuns of her order.

Dr Devi Shetty said the nun's pacemaker, fitted in 1989, had been reprogrammed to boost cardiac output to allow her kidneys to function better. "She is still critically ill . . . but not in renal failure.

Asean defies West in vow to admit Burma soon

Jakarta: Leaders of Asean the Association of South East Asian Nations — refused to bow to Western concerns over human rights abusés in Burna and said at the weekend that the Rangoon military Government would be admitted to the group (A Special Correspondent writes).

They also criticised the European Union, singling out Portugal, for its unremitting opposition to Indonesia's occupation of East Timor.

Asean refused to put a date on Burma's entry because of differences among members but it is expected to join when Cambodia and Laos does within the next 12 months. Western Governments be-

lieve admitting Burma would he tantamount to condoning the oppresion of Burma's democracy movement. But Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Malaysian Prime Minister. said: "The Myanmar [Burma] of today is not the Myanmar of many years ago. It is because of our constructive engagement that it has changed." Burma's leaders

Peking leaves out prison chapter of soldier's heroic tale

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

rewritten history yet again by celebrating the career of Peng Dehuai, the army's greatest marshal, without mentioning his purg-ing by Mao Tse-tung and his death in prison.

Politburo and army leaders gathered over the weekend to mark the publication of a biography of Marshal Peng described by Xinhua, the official news agency, as the victor of hundreds of battles, commander-in-chief of Chinese forces during the Korean War, and Minister of Defence "until 1959 . . .

[who] died in 1974 at the age of 76". The son of peasants, born in 1898, Peng joined Mao early in the revolution. He was made Minister of Defence and was Mao's immediate neighbour in the secluded leaders' compound in a corner of Peking's Forbidden City.

In 1959, however, during the Great Leap Forward - Mao's scheme for vastly increasing agricultural and industrial production through ideological fervour -Peng discovered on a rural tour the beginnings of the greatest famine in history in which, between 1959 and 1961, 30 million to

CHINA'S Communist Party has 50 million people died. Although rewritten history yet again by many officials knew that statistics supplied to Mao of astonishing rural and industrial yields were bogus and that scenes of plenty had been confected to deceive the Chairman, they feared to tell him

the truth. At a conference of party and military leaders in the summer of 1959, Peng came close to accusing Mao of lying about the successes of the Great Leap Forward and wrote him a memorandum stating that the Leap had failed, the statistics were false, and famine was looming. In a series of meetings and speeches Mao struck back, accusing Peng of being an "opportunist", a "right-

ist" and "bourgeois".

Peng was expelled from his luxurious quarters near Mao to a delapidated house in a Peking suburb, although he retained his title as a Politburo member and vice-premier. At the beginning of the Cultural Revolution he was arrested and in 1974 he died in prison. His former colleagues, who praised him at the weekend. spoke as if his life from 1959 to 1974



One of 50 Tibetans arrested yesterday in Delhi as they tried to block the convoy of President Jiang Zemin of China at the end of his three-day visit to India

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Detectives on the trail of disease

hey lurk in food, in water systems, inside our own bodies, and waiting to pounce on the vulnerable. There are thousands of different strains of bugs, many of them deadly. So it is a miracle that events as tragic as those which unfolded in Cardiff over the weekend, where two students died of meningitis, and in Scotland last week, where five people died in an outbreak of E. coli food poisoning, do not happen The rarity of such outbreaks

is a tribute to an army of scientists toiling to keep the bugs at bay. Through its 50 laboratories throughout England and Wales, the Public Health Laboratory Service boasts hundreds of medical detectives ready to deal with any outbreak, whether an infectious disease such as measles or meningitis, an imported disease such as malaria, or food poisoning. In Scotland, this role is carried out by the Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health.

The PHLS was set up after the Second World War to combat the threat of warrelated epidemics. It is entrusted not only with containing outbreaks, but also with carrying out routine surveillance to keep track of diseases such as influenza. This allows any emerging strains to be identified as quickly as possible.

Public health scientists constantly make checks to ensure that the current flu vaccines are still effective. Each year they, along with other scientists in major public health

World Health Organisation and vaccine makers. The PHLS also monitors water quality, and keeps tabs on the the spread of the Aids virus, HTV, and sexually transmitted

Monitoring a disease can often provide clues, or early warnings, that help to control it PHLS figures show, for example, that last year cases of meningitis peaked in November, and then showed a second peak in January and February. They also show an increasing number of "clusters" of the disease, of which the

> Any new strains are spotted as quickly as possible

Cardiff outbreak is typical, and that there have increasing numbers of cases in which septicaemia - blood poisonng — is a complication.

One suspicion voiced by Dr.
Norman Begg, deputy director
of the Service's communicable disease surveillance centre, is that increased smoking among teenagers may have contributed to the essein cases. There is a very complex relationship bettered meningococcal disease and smoking," he sale when he presented the figures in Jan-

"In these events, we then

Meningitis, in spite of the clusters of cases that have been observed, is usually a sporadic disease. Much clear er patterns emerge in food-poisoning episodes. The smallest suspicion triggers a fe-markable chain of events as the PHLS detectives swing Imagine that you have gone to your family doctor with a case of suspecied food poison-

ing. A specimen is taken and ing. A specimen is extent and sent to your local hospital laboratory. From that specimen, the local laboratory grows the offending organism.

The organism together with a profile of the patient, is then sent to the Central Public Health Laboratory. Health Laboratory in north London, the nerve centre of the

PHLS operation. Here, the

organism is "fingerprinted" within days and compared with strains of various bugs. In addition to the central laboratory, there are reference zinies which specialise in one type of organism (salmonella, or example). These centres keep samples of every strain known to science. Your local hospital and your GP is then informed of the result and, if

propriate, the environmen-

tal health department. Meanwhile, the PHLS monitors how often this germ has cropped up. Dr Noel Gill, the deputy director of the organisation's Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre, describes an example of the way in which the PHLS goes into action.

"In the final week of January last year, the samples of one particular bug, Salmonella agona, had gone from one every two weeks to five in the same week," Dr Gill says. A cluster of cases is called a



look at the characteristics of each case, such as the places affected. Also, if just infants are involved, we would look at baby food. If it was a rural area, we might suspect unpasteurised milk," he says. In the mysterious case of

Salmonella agona, the incidents occurred only in Leeds and north London, and one researcher noticed that the patients, all of them children, had Jewish surnames. Could a kosher foodstuff be the culprit? This, Dr Gill says, was the

ignal to move the investiga tion up a gear, by asking the

parents to list in meticulous detail what their child had eaten the previous week. One kosher snack food, manufactured in Israel, kept cropping

"This is when we got quite excited," Dr Gill recalls. "We rumped in a car and drove to Golders Green in north London to meet the families. They were orthodox, which heightened suspicion even

The next stage was to conthick an epidemiological study, by interviewing "control" households. These are households unaffected by any outbreak. How were suitable

erents of the patients were asked to nominate similar families. and these nominated families were questioned about food they had eaten. As expected, none of the healthy_ children had eaten the snack.

The evidence was becoming ompelling — a laboratory test turned up definitive proof. Once the source of the food scare was identified, the Department of Health issued a

public warning. However, the salmonella saga, now five days old, was to take on an unusual twist. Dr Gill's colleagues decided to alert public health scientists in New York, which has a large Jewish community, and Israel, where

Via a series of e-mails, they discovered that Israel was three months into a severe

the snack was produced.

outbreak of food poisoning. Thousands of people had gone down with exactly the same symptoms as in Britain and New York," Dr Gill says. They thought it was somehadn't thought of this snack at all. If that happened in Britain, there would be a scandal."

The statistics associated with the PHLS, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, are indeed impressive. Among its 3,000 staff, there are scientific officers. clinical microbiologists, statisticians and epidemiologists. They examine about 25,000 human specimens and environmental samples a day. Even I am stunned at the level of surveillance the PHLS

Universities where science flourishes People born to anxiety Tracking a chemical building block

Two cheers for Oxbridge | Watch this space for Cambridge, Oxford, and Imper-

OXFORD, Cambridge and Imperial College may have the most scientists in Britain, but not necessarily the best, a

The universities of Glasgow, Dundee, Durham, Leicester, Hull, Strathclyde, Edinburgh, York, the City University in London, and the Open University all come top in at least one discipline.

The figures come from the Institute for Scientific Information, a Philadelphia-based organisation that bases its assessments on a huge database of published scientific papers. The quality of the papers is measured by counting the number of times they are cited by other scientists: a valuable paper will have many ly any. If the total

number of citations in any field is counted, Oxford and Cambridge do well. coming top in 12 out of 21 fields studied. But a different result emerges when based on cita-

tions per paper. Then the quality smaller universities emerges. In physics, for example, the top three in total citations are

ial College, in three in citations per paper are caster, and Sussex. Glasgow SCIENCE also came first in engineering, while Dundee

BRIEFING Nigel Hawkes

Durham is top in astrophysics and mathematics, while Hull leads the list in materials science, the Open University in geosci-

tops the tables in

biology and bio-

ences. City University in computer science and York in education. Cambridge has only one top placing, in chemistry, while Oxford has

The tables are to be published in the next issue of Science Watch, the journal published by the ISI. The organisation explains that the results are not to be taken as an evaluation of individual departments, but many researchers in smaller universities will nonetheless be delighted to see their ratings are high. They are likely to use them to fight growing pressure to concentrate research in "elite" institutions.

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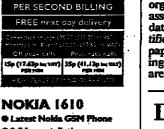
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the characteristic signature of a hydrogen ion with three protons in it. For a long time theory has held that this ion. known as hydrogen-three-plus, or H3+, plays a key part in the formation of the many chemical species that are

found in space. But H3+ itself proved to be very clusive. Normal hydrogen molecules consist of two atoms each with a single proton and a single electron. H3+ has three protons and two electrons, leaving it with a posi-tive electrical charge. It is, effectively, an electrically charged molecule which can be fairly easily made in the laboratory. Sixteen years ago Dr Takeshi Oka, of the University of Chicago, measured the infrared spectrum of H3+ in the laboratory, and started looking for it in space.

in Nature, he and Dr Thomas Geballe of the Joint Astronomy Centre in Hilo, Hawaii report that they have finally found it. Using the UK Infrared Telescope they found very faint signs of H3+ in two interstellar clouds. The amounts they found fit with theories of how rapidly the molecule is made by the action of cosmic rays on ordinary hydrogen molecules. Without the reactive H3+ it is hard to see how many more complex molecules in space



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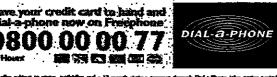
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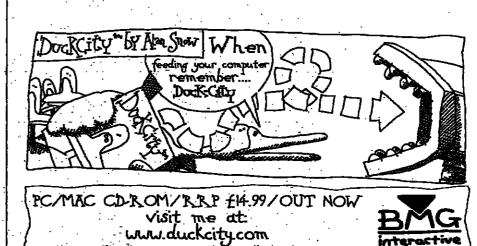
people. They already knew that the DNA, on chromosome 17, was responsible for switching on a nearby gene that in turn codes for a protein that transports the neurotransmitter serotonin back into brain cells so they can use it again. Preventing this re-uptake of scrotonin is the basis of action of

the anti-depressant Prozac. Two versions of this promoter gene exist, a long and a short. People with the shorter version have lower levels of the serotonin transport pro-tein, so it seemed reasonable to Drs Klaus-Peter Lesch, of Wutzburg University, and Dr Dennis Murphy, of the US National Institutes of Health, to investigate whether they

were also more anxious. They recruited 505 people, and found that half had the long form and half the short. The volunteers all completed a questionnaire about their personalities which showed, the scientists report in Scilikely to admit to worrying a lot, and said they were often tense and jittery.

The promotor does not ac-

count for more than a small part of the variation in anxiety roughly 8 per cent — but this is significant. "It won't be long before we know whether it's related to psychiatric dis-eases like phobia or panic disorders, says Dr David Goldman, a geneticist at the US National Institutes of Health. The odds are that there are other genes which also contribute, along with the experience of life.



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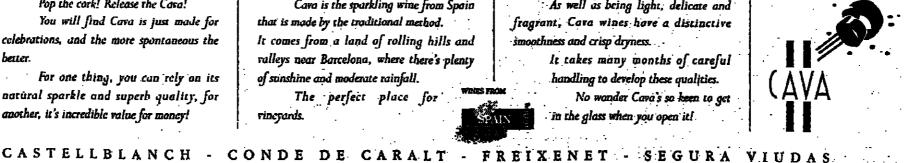
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Barbra Streisand on why she had to direct her new film — and how she always checks out a new man with his Mom. Interview by Mal Vincent

above all a performer. With a flash of the eye, she checked the lights as she entered the room for the interview. A publicist, eagerly seeking approval, suggested they couldn't have been better for

Marlene Dietrich. "No. Marlene would have the lights over there, and not so high." Streisand countered, pointing with a manicured Streisand probably would know exactly where Dietrich would have had the lights. She's been called obsessive, egomaniacal, driven, demanding, and worse. There were 15 walkouts and firings from the set of The Mirror Has Two Faces, her first film in five years, and the third that she has directed. She also composed parts of the music and, of course, stars. "I used to be

embarrassed and defensive about that word, 'control'," she says. "Of course I want total control. The audience buys my work because I have complete control because I'm a perfectionist. I care deeply. "I have to think it's a

sexist attitude - definitely. A man who did what I do would be called thorough. But that's the way it has to be - until it changes." Wearing a black dress

with a black-ribbon choker, she looked smaller and more demure than a show business titan. "Of all of it, directing, acting, singing, this

is the hardest," she says. Doing an interview is the hardest - talking about myself and trying to intellectualise things I do. I act by instinct. Who can talk about it?"

Today, though, she is talk-ing about herself. Once she told me: "I made it without getting a nose job. Write that. Write it down. Not many can say it." Now she reflects on the self-deprecating way she looks at herself. In The Mirror Has Two Faces she plays a college professor of romantic literature who has given up on romance, until she meets a burnt-out maths professor who is tired of the rigours of physical attraction. "It's a throwback to my old films, particularly Funny Girl," she says, "and it's a little about me. People have always talked about how I looked, and none of it too favourable. Once my stepfather said I couldn't have ice-cream because I was too ugly. My mother never told me I was smart, pretty anything. When I told her I wanted to be a movie star, she said I wasn't pretty enough. "We live in a society where

thrown up at us as the ideal. We're told we have to look a certain way ... Love should come from the heart, not the

Barbra Joan Streisand, 54, was born in a rough section of Brooklyn. Her father, Emmanuel, a high school teacher. died when she was 15 months old and she was brought up by her grandmother. Asked to name the hardest time in her life, she doesn't hesitate. "Childhood. Definitely. I was an outcast. I was this strange kid, growing up with one parent. I had one date in high school. I had a 98 average, but I wanted to be an actress. The school called my mother in to

talk to her about why I wasn't going to college. I started

Barbra Streisand with Jon Peters

dressing funny and bleached my hair. I was a real oddball. "I'd go to the movies every Saturday, and lose myself. Sure, there were great stars like Vivien Leigh, but the accepted norm was more Sandra Dee — girls with tiny little noses and blonde hair. Stars like Humphrey Bogart and Spencer Tracy didn't have to be conventionally handsome.

The demands were different."

t 18, she won a talent contest at a Greenwich Village night-Ldub — singing. She stole the show in a supporting role for the Broadway musical I Can Get It For You Wholesale and married the leading man, Elliott Gould. (She has one son, Jason Gould, who appeared under her direction in The Prince of Tides.) Streisand's marriage to Gould ended in divorce. She's been romantically linked with such varied types as Jon Peters. Don Johnson, Omar Sharif, Andre Agassi, Steven Spielberg and the former Canadian Prime Minister, Pierre Trudeau. For the past four months, she's been dating

arbra Streisand is all these skinny models are James Brolin, actor and

She reached Broadway stardom in Funny Girl and won an Oscar for her film debut of eye. That's what the movie is it in 1968. A few years later, she was worth \$100 million (£66 million) - the highest-paid woman in show business. There was a line in Funny Girl about how you had to ask for a great deal of money if you wanted any respect. I learnt that. I've had to give up my profits to get the movies I most wanted to make produced -Yentl and The Prince of

> She's been known to require dozens of takes to get a scene right. Walter Matthau, who co-starred with her in Hello, Dolly, once said: "I was appalled at every move she made." Dudley Moore was

fired, reportedly because he couldn't remember his lines, and replaced by George Segal in The Mirror Has Two Faces, Of the 14 others who left, "creative differences" were listed as the cause. In New York, during the worst winter on record, she ran over budget. She denies the story that she once asked the assistant director why he couldn't move the sun to put it in the right place. standing, too, about us filming a new ending." she said. "We didn't. We went back to film Centrai Park with leaves in the trees. It was costing

us \$8,000 a tree to paste the leaves on during the winter " Bridges says: "I know Barbra as a courageous kind of person — not a person without fear."

Streisand says she sought Bridges because "I liked his work in other films and I think he has a great mom. She's outspoken and bright and he gets along well with her. From that, I thought he'd be easy to direct," she laughs. "In dating, a woman should check on how the man gets along with his mother. That will tell their attitude toward women." Initially, The Mirror Has Two Faces was about a woman who went through plastic surgery and changes her appearance. "That was cut right away. I wasn't concerned with outward, cosmetic changes. We turned it from a French melodrama into an American comedy-romance."

It is Lauren Bacall, as Streisand's youth-obsessed and looks-obsessed mother, who has received the best reviews and is mentioned as an Oscar nominee. "I first met Barbra on the opening night of Funny Girl," Bacall says. "From that night, she was a



"People have always talked about how I looked, and none of it too favourable. Once my stepfather said I couldn't have ice-cream because I was too ugly"

star. I went over and told her You're so damned good, I think maybe I should slap you.'." Almost 30 years later, Bacall went to Streisand's New York apartment to talk about the role in Mirror. "She was very much the director. Very professional," Bacall says. "She asked 'Do you think you could be my mother? I told her that I could, and that was that." Streisand says she first saw Bacall in To Have and Have Not. "I was amazed that she never thought she was beautiful. Many beautiful women are like that."

Streisand asked both Robert Zemeckis and Herbert Ross to direct Mirror but they declined. Ross, who directed her in The Owl and the Pussycat, says: "The reasons for her popularity have changed over the years. She has become an Establishment figure. Time

> 'It cost us \$8,000 a tree to paste the leaves on in winter'

does that to every rebel." "I was interested in directing from the first moment I stepped on a movie set," she says. "I have no problem directing myself. I light with myself rather than anyone else. The director demands the actress deliver, and I have to

As for The Mirror Has Two Faces, she says: "There is a lot of me in it. I learnt like Rose, that I can be the best I can be and not be obsessed with looks. I wish I had seen a movie like this when I was a

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A cursed generation: two newlyweds place a tribute on a monument for the men of Svetlogorsk who died in Afghanistan. In the city's second wave of Aids, young women such as this are at great risk of contracting HIV through sex

rear-old Olya giggled nervously on the hospital bed as she tensed her left arm and searched the bruised and pockmarked skin for a clean entry point to her vein. Looking over her shoulder to make sure that no nurses were watching, she plunged the needle into her arm and slowly fed the caramel-brown liquid into her body.

Like thousands of other drug addicts in this blighted industrial city in southern Belarus, Olya, for the third time that day, had found peace and escape from the misery of

crents, the guilt she feels about abandoning her threeand-a-half-year-old daughter, Tanya, and the fate of her missing, drug-addicted husband, Zhenya, drained away into a heroin-induced oblivion.

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Olya and her fellow patient Sveta, also 20, are, by the grim reckoning of the doctors and nurses who treat them in this town's only hospital, unlikely ever to survive beyond their 30th birthdays. They are just two of the victims of what is emerging as one of the worst Aids epidemic ever recorded in the world.

Were you to search the European continent for a community that has suffered so much in its short history, it would be hard, with the exception of the war-ravaged areas Svetlogorsk.

It is not just the grim Soviet industrial landscape and the town's chemical factory, spewing pollutants into the air, that make the city exceptional. Nor is it the legacy of the

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Chemobyl nuclear disaster which covered this area of Belarus in radioactive fallout, and which still contaminates the forests and rivers around the city and spreads cancer

among the young.

unique is that it is now in the grip of a deadly Aids epidemic, vhich, like some medieval nlague threatens in the coming years to wipe out about one in every 20 members of the population.

We expected here, but we never thought it would hit us so fast and on such a huge scale," says Doctor Svyatoslav Samoshkin, the city's deputy chief doctor, who runs an anti-Aids programme from the dilapidated hospital, "Sometimes I still can't quite believe it is happening. Why us?"

In part, at least, the reasons for the rapid spread of the disease must lie in Svetlogorsk's disastrous social conditions. The city was founded in 1961 during the Khrushchev era as a model Soviet community.

Young couples from 28 different ethnic backgrounds were recruited from around the Soviet Union with the promise of cheap housing, good jobs and a stable future. However, among those who were attracted to the town were workers from Central Asia, who brought with them the traditional skills of har-

vesting poppies for opium and In addition, the city authorities drafted in petty criminals, known as "khimiki" (chemical workers), who instead of going to prison, were pressed into service at the town's main

chemical factory. Not suprisingly the experi-ment in social engineering was a complete failure. The city had a built-in criminal underclass, uprooted families living in an unfamiliar environment, packed into a land-scape of drab high-rise



On the bleak streets of Svetlogorsk. The city was planned as a communist paradise, but it became a hell on earth

concrete apartment blocks and depen-Peasant the chemicals facwomen tory, the paper mill and the power sta-tion. To add to its and drug woes the area redealers ceived the full impact of Chemobyl. mix in the Much of the wood

used by the paper streets mill was heavily contaminated, and the city's meagre health resources stretched to breaking point by the effects of the radiation, particularly thyroid cancer

among children. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, the relaxation of diseases such as Aids were more easily imported, and without the iron discipline of

the Soviet police state, drug dealing became much easier, particularly across the border from Ukraine.

The first sign of the impending calamity came in late May, when a 20year-old railway worker and drug addict travelled to Minsk to try to kick his habit at a psy-chiatric hospital. He and his

wife both tested positive to HIV. The medical authorities, who had already been alerted to the spread of the disease in neighbouring Ukraine, immediately ordered widespread testing for HIV among drug users in Svedogorsk.

The results were devastating. Of the 220 officially registered drug addicts, half tested HIV positive in June. By August the figure had risen to 370 and by the middle of November the authorities reported that some 950 people, in a city of 73,000, were

The real figure is much higher, and it is widely accepted that half of the estimated

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6,000 drug users have now contracted the virus. Drug addicts in this part of eastern Europe inject them-

selves with a substance known as makovaya solomka, better know by its nickname "mak", resinous extract of poppy which has become a poor man's heroin.

The drug has been made locally for years, usually by

small groups of users who harvest the poppies. However, as demand increased, a lucrative business emerged, with the drug manufactured in large quantities and distributed, often by gypsy families, to dealers who sell it on the street for about £1 for a single

It is widely suspected that the HIV epidernic was caused partly out of ignorance of the dangers of sharing needles but also because small quantities of blood were commonly used to increase the potentcy of

vidence of the drug is Dirty needles litte playgrounds and en-trance halls of the crumbling cement apartment blocks. Even at the hospital ward reserved for drug addicts, where teenagers are tested and treated for hepatitis and other diseases, the pushers still peddle little brown bottles of the drug through the windows to the patients.

In Svetlogorsk's main street. the dealers have overrun a small fruit and vegetable market. As old women in peasant scarves sell cabbage and pickles from little stalls, they sit incongruously beside clusters of young men and women in leather jackets, their pockets

bulging with bank notes.

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Chernobyl Then we came are killing it," says Raisa, a

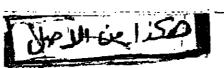


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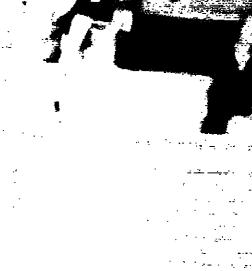
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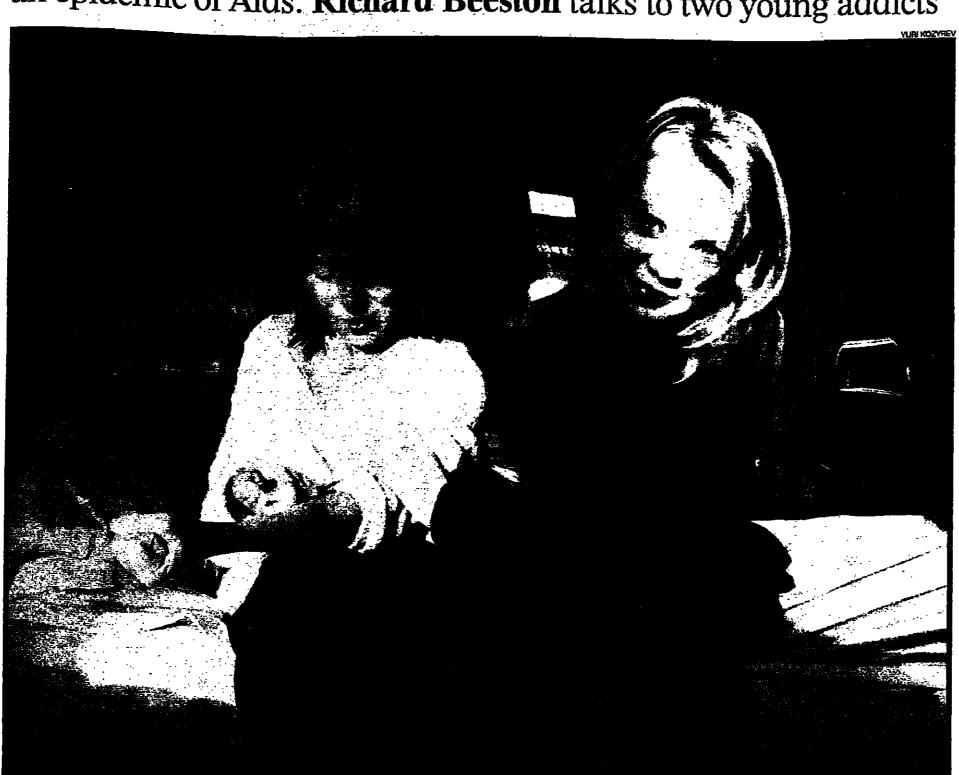








an epidemic of Aids. Richard Beeston talks to two young addicts



Olya and Sveta, two girls without hope: Olya, left, is pointing out the track marks from drug injections on her arm. "I can't see one good reason to give up," she says

of sharing needles.

give it up for good."

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Nikolai, an addict for more

than ten years, who was

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middle-aged factory worker. pointing out the dealers as one makes a sale to a gaunt youth;

Raisa's case is typical of many families. She had two sons. The eldest missed the drugs wave, got married and secured a steady job. But the teenage son began experi-menting with "mak" and Raisa says she realised that he would die unless she could do something.
"If I had the money I would

have taken my whole family out of here. Instead a good friend saved us. He took my city, but to another republic (in the former Soviet Union]," she says, wiping away a tear.

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"I miss him, of course, but it is the only way I can know that he is safe. If he had stayed here he would die - just like the rest of this city's youth. I do not know who put this terrible curse on our city."

That same sense of panic was the first reaction of the



Olya and Sveta in their hospital ward at Svetlogorsk

local authorities, who initially used Soviet-style methods to combat the problem. "You see the same thing whenever Aids hits in the former Soviet Union," says Doctor Lev Khodakevich, who heads the

UN's regional Aids programme for Moldova. Ukraine and Belarus. "They believe it is an imported disease that can be stopped by testing foreigners. The Soviet instinct was to cover it up, arrest suspects and hope the problem will go away."

In Svetlogorsk, the police were sent out to arrest suspected drug users and forcibly test them. Angry residents demanded that they be locked up. But the city administration quickly realised that it was too late to stop the disease once it was spread. Aids was there to stay and the city would have to learn how to live with it.

"International practice has shown that repressive measures do not work," said Aleksandr Yakobson, the mayor, speaking on a call-in show broadcast on local tele-"Concealing the problem does not work either. Besides that is not my

Nevertheless, there is still enormous ignorance among the population about drugs and Aids and how to cope with the problem. The city's programme of education, run through public forums and a telephone hotline, has received questions such as: Can the disease be spread via money? Could we not just round up the

addicts and shoot them? Is aid bracing ourselves for the sec-ond wave," said Dr from the West safe to use? Under UN advice the city Samoshkin, pointing out a has adopted a scheme first young, healthy-looking young used in Britain to help contain man in his ward, who had just the problem. As well as contested positive to the disease and was undergoing further crete méasures, like exchanging used syringes and needles tests by a nurse dressed in

protective clothing.
"We have received lots of for new ones, and providing condoms, most of the project is about educating the public advice and support on how to about safe sex and the dangers live with this problem, but no one has told me what I am The campaign has had supposed to say to the young some limited successes. people, like that boy, who

entire generation of this city will die off in the coming years. How can I persuade them to live a full life in the little time that is left?"

For Olya, however, enjoying her latest fix, such problems seem vague and unimportant. "My parents are always going on at me to give up," she said.
"I can't think of one good reason why I should."

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The nations unite to warn of a scourge

Michael Binyon reports on the World Aids Day campaign

Marches,

condoms

at petrol

"PLEASE use a condom." Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday urged South Africans in a blunt warning to his country of the dangers of Aids.

Outlining the risks of not sticking to Christian teachings on sex, he spoke of a crisis facing South Africa in an advertisement on state television as part of South Africa's campaign to mark World Aids Day.

In countries all over the world politicians and health officials echoed his warning. They said Aids was

spreading rapidly throughout the Third World, especially in Asia, and there are now an estimated 22 million people carrying

the Aids virus.
In India,
health officials said there could be as many as

50 million Aids cases by the end of the century, ten times the present total. Bombay, home to an estimated 70,000 prostitutes in its notorious Kamathipura district, marked World Aids Day with marches, photo exhibitions and television coverage. Campaigners called for better counselling for prostitutes and lorry drivers, who are one of the main causes of the spread of Aids across India.

By contrast, China announced at the weekend that it had only 133 cases of full-blown Aids out of a population of more than a billion. But health officials said there were a reported 5.157 HIV cases in October. Chinese officials say that more than a million people could be affected by the year 2000. China's National Prevention and Control Committee of Aids experts has given a warning that more tests studies should be carried out on popular herbal remedies.

Aids is already wide-spread in Thailand, largely because of the thriving sex industry. Petrol stations yesterday began handing out three million condoms. free to customers, with a warning: "Be careful of Aids when feeling naughty." An estimated 800,000 Thais are HIV positive, and more than 50,000 people have died. The Gov-ernment has long campaigned energetically to raise awareness.

Other countries giving warnings yes-terday of likely huge rises in inkistan, now estimated to pamphlets have 80.000 — and free people with the virus, and the Philippines, about the subject and Roman Catholic disap-

stations proval of coninhibited change sexual behaviour. While Aids cases are now rising more slowly in America and Europe, Africa remains the worst hit

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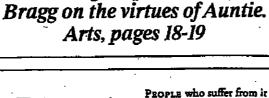
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THEATRE: Roll up, roll up to a brilliant circus with a cast of two. Plus, a poorly plotted banking farce goes to the wall

Magic up their sleeves

THE team of Jean Baptiste Thierrée and Victoria Chaplin (the third of Charlie's five

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depended on his conjur-

daughters) has spent the past 20 years refining the chaotic swirl of the traditional circus to a cascade of quirky theatrical terms. In closing down the world of the Big Top they ingeniously open up the world of the imagination.

Theirs is a ping-pong match of throw-away pranks and magical transformations. Thierrée enters stage left with a lurid suitcase full of spring-loaded tricks and manically chopped-up vegetables, and exits pursued by one of Chaplin's exotic mimes. Chaplin enters stage right, bristling with enough chairs to make her look like a prehistoric lizard. She sheds the chairs like a skin, rebuilds them into a huge giraffe, climbs on its back - and, amazingly, the illusion

That the show works so brilliantly is because these solo turns are infused with a charm and technique that is far more beguiling than the component parts. It is the shambolic chemistry between Chaplin's gaunt, thoughtful poise and Thierree's madcaps that creates the unpredictable sense of Wonderland. The Parisian's genius is that he is a lousy

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humour. If his routines ing ability he would be standing with his hat out in the Strand. It also helps that he is a ringer for Benny Hill.

It is the surreal sense he makes of his small blizzard of visual gags that enchants: he lights a candle, eats it, and turns on a red bulb in the region of his stomach. But his best work is his frolics with puppets. An operatic aria is accompanied by the animated faces of two duelling tenors pinned to his kneecaps. Later, a large coat and a papier maché head make him look as if he is been carried around in a box by

some unfortunate tramp. Chaplin, by contrast, is a riveting mix of orthodox trapeze artiste and supreme shape shifter. Unlike Thierree, she is absorbed by the beauty and danger of her art, whether it is flinging herself into the auditorium on a rope swing, or mutating one of her extraordinary costumes into a giant bullfrog. It is not all acrobatics, camouflage and contortion. There is music, wit and story too. Children of all ages will be entranced.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Low interest account

THIS would-be farce. exploiting the well-known follies of our

grand old banking tra-dition, started life 63 years ago as Jugend Voran ("Youth to the Fore") in Berlin, where it enjoyed a nice little run a few months after Hitler came to power. Malcolm Bradbury, author of the modern adaptation, alluded to its success at such a time in his curtain speech; he wondered if the bright young conman who takes over a sclerotic bank represented the little man with the black moustache. Yes, no, who can say? Exposed to Bradbury's version we certainly can't tell how the hero was viewed by its original author. Paul Vulpius, of whom nothing more is

Much of our confusion comes from Bradbury's own uncertainty as to what genre he is fitting his story into. Is it farce? Not fast enough. Comedy? Not funny enough. Pointed criticism of a

known (the name has a pseudonymous

ities? You tell me. Compressed into a couple of sentences the plot sounds full of promise. An outof-work nobody familiarises himself with the habits of an absent-minded chairman of a bank. He wanders into this fellow's office, digs out details of a forgotten company, sells, buys, spreads

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When Bradbury wants to make fun of corporate incompetence he comes up with enough comic ideas to allow those lucky actors to create a role. The results may be caricature, but they hold the stage, whether it is Peter Whitbread's craggy old peer, never at a loss for an unwanted memory, or Richard Heffer's feather-voiced chairman, who manages to make his eyebrows express what his mouth dare not utter.

But with his central character, Wickerman (man of straw?), Bradbury wobbles between making him recklessly inventive and sent into a panic by his success. Both qualities could co-exist. but the fibres to connect them are not in place, so it is no surprise that Duncan Wisbey's performance is disappointing.

Even more serious, the wobble exmotivated, some entrances even less so. Wickerman reveals his scam to the chairman's daughter, but there is no logic behind this. Henry Burke's direction is successful only when the script works, and cannot disguise its failings.

JEREMY KINGSTON



A really good sing

THE young Bizet's opera — he was 24 when he wrote it — is now a repertory piece, starting to rival even Carmen as a crowd-puller. This is curious, and rather heartening. The libretto is dotty even by the standards of 19th-century hackwork, but what Bizet made of it shows how music of genius — not just the Temple Duet, but number after number of white-hot inspiration can transform the basest metal into pure gold. The whole may not add up, but each part is so compelling that you fail

The latest ENO revival of Bizet's Celanese sweetmeat is strongly cast. The diminutive Mary Plazas, singing her first

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Leila, really does look like one of those tutelatory childpriestesses still engaged for a season in the East (the plot is not as far-fetched as it looks) but her pure, agile lyric soprano projects easily into the auditorium in an enormously winning interpretation. Ash-ley Holland is the new Zurga: his warm, closely focused baritone is ideal and his diction crystal-clear. John Hudson returns as Nadir, happily unfazed by the high tessitura, flirting with danger only at the unwritten high C in his Serenade (why bother with it? Leave it, as Bizet did, to the oboe): Mark Richardson makes much of little as the High Priest, and the chorus has a really good sing.

Michael Lloyd conducts

with appropriate energy, a gentler speed for the Prelude, a little lingering over the bass quavers; would engender a beding. Philip Prowse's staging - with its mysterious extra character, its pearldivers in Czardas-Princess scarlet boots and not a lot else. the boat from his production of La Gioconda still with its Venetian glass fairy-lights. and its sneak preview of the need not be taken too seriously, nor should it. What we have here is a West End show, but one with real music Sir Cameron Mackintosh should look in, and take notes.

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those on the BBC. But, to quote Michael Grade, the BBC keeps us honest and its best ambitions ensure that we have a premier programme-making league in this country across the board.

To put forward a crude argument: in the current context, where paying for television (at a high level in some cases) is accepted and growing, the BBC's two TV channels, its five national radio and innumerable local radio stations, its orchestras, educational spin-offs and World Service achievements are a bargain and would still be a bargain at £100 and even £120 or £150. There are problems with payment for the poor and these have to be addressed, but it is well within the wit of a willing government to do so. But for the vast majority of viewers and listeners, the BBC, were it a share, would be a snip at the price.

For more than two thirds of a century, despite vanities and fripperies and inevitable errors, the BBC has not really let us down. The whole issue to me has a touch of the absurd. The BBC is far more popular and enduring than this or

any other government.
The BBC's executives have taken some tough decisions lately and have taken on tough targets. BBC programme-makers have sustained a fighting front, despite all the rumblings and grumblings behind the line. Surely there is no sustainable argument against giving them the modest increase which would enable them to continue and extend a most remarkable spread of work?

The musical Saturday Night Fever is entering the theatri-L cal lists for the first time next summer in London. It has

had a curious career. It began when the entrepreneur Robert Stigwood spotted an essay in Time magazine; on the strength of that he set up a small-budget film. discovering this young newcomer Travolta. Desperate for music he rang the Bee Gees, whom he had discovered a week after their arrival in London, and they sent over a few songs they had been recording in France: Stayin' Alive. Night Fever, that sort of thing. They neither read the script nor saw the film — a couple of them have not seen the full film yet.

Last week, filming with them in Miami, they told me that the LP was the biggest-seller ever in the world at around 50 million copies and a few more will surely change hands when Fever hits the streets of the city now described as the world's capital of fun, entertainment and arts. They also told me that an early title of the film -Night Fever - was rejected by Stigwood because he thought it would be too "pornographic". Times do change.

The lamb in wolf's clothing

Larry Lamb's tales from stage and screen would trace a 25-year journey from amateur dramatics in Libya to his latest West End lead, via Nova Scotia, New York and various points south.

The latest leg of this world tour finds the 49-year-old actor standing on a table in the basement of the American Church in central London. Arms outstretched, he is encircled by half a dozen young actresses, fellow members of the company rehearsing for Nine, the Broadway musical based on Federico Fellini's 812.

Tokyo-based David Leveaux, back in London after his searing Salome at the Coliseum in May, directs, and Lamb takes the Marcello Mastroianni role of the fortysomething film director whose marriage and career are on the brink of collapse.

Confronted with Lamb's dark-eyed good looks and heavy-limbed frame, you picture him exuding Cockney bravado as not one, but two Great Train Robbers (Bruce Reynolds in Buster and Ronnie Biggs in the BBC film, Slipper). plus the Brink's-Mat villain Kenneth Noye in ITV's

THEATRE: **Daniel Rosenthal** meets the unlikely

star of the Fellini musical, Nine

1992 Fool's Gold: or perhaps aboard a North Sea ferry in three series of Triangle (of which more later). None of these parts, he concedes, nor impressive credits in plays by Wedekind, Sam Shepard et al. marked him out as an obvious choice for Nine.

"I have a decent singing wice, and after listening to a tage of Nine before the audition of thought I could have a doos at crack at Couldo," he explains. "But this is my first musical, and when I started working with a singing coach in October there were, let's

overcome." Fellini's surreal self-portrait of the artist in midlife crisis was adapted by Maury Yeston and Arthur Kopit in 1982, 19 years after it earned Fellini his third Oscar for Best Foreign Film Titled Nine for contrac-

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Lives of Jesus

Lamb. "because Eight-and-ahalf just doesn't scan"), it opened on Broadway with the late Raul Julia as Guido and won the Tony for best musical, since when numerous attempts to mount a London production have failed.

Nine retains 84's most memorable characters (fans of Sarraghina, the dancing whore, should book now) while adding some marvellous, original touches. "This is more a homage than a stage adaptation," says Lamb, rejecting comparison with this year's ill-fated RSC version of Les Enfants du Paradis. "Aspects of 812 are used to create a piece of musical theatre which is funnier than the film, but just as dark. Comparisons between me and Mastroianni who is a master - will inevitably be drawn. All I can do is try not to impersonate

No hints of Mastroianni, then, but Lamb's Guido will contain "elements" of Alberto Lattuada, the man who codirected one of Fellini's earliest films — thereby putting one of the halves into 82 (Fellini had seven solo credits, plus three collaborations worth half a point each). "I worked with



No hiding place the actor Larry Lamb is more used to playing Great Train Robbers on screen than a womanising Italian film director on stage

Lattuada for eight months on an Eighties mini-series about Columbus and saw that Italian directors do operate like Guido. They are gods on their movies. Nothing happens unless they want it to." Married and divorced three

times. Lamb now talks of a "calm, settled" private life. His past, however, offers "plenty to draw on" when playing a womaniser. "Guido has wife, mistress and another one coming down the pipe. He has a lot of plates spinning, this boy. and I was once a great platespinner. Not any more." At which point a polite shake of the head indicates the time has come to talk of other things.

His inability to master Alevel chemistry having scuppered teenage dreams of becoming a doctor, Lamb left his North London grammar school determined "to see the world and avoid a humdrum existence". Germany was his first stop, selling encyclopaedias to American servicemen.

"I was a hopeless salesman. just chatting to prospective buyers. Then an American friend decided I should be an actor and dragged me along to an army drama club in Bremerhaven. I ended up as Henry VIII in A Man for All Seasons. Acting lit something

His return to England coincided with the Seventies oil boom, and he trained with Esso as a corrosion control engineer. Posted to Libya, he joined the 3,000-strong British community's thriving amdram scene. "I would be flown 60 miles into the desert to work on the oil fields, then flown back for evening rehearsals. I remember doing a weird parlour drama called Goodnight, Mrs Puffin.

"I went to work for another oil firm, in Pennsylvania, and after a while I got promoted and sent to Nova Scotia. Aged 27, I was earning fabulous money - the equivalent of £3,000 a week."

Whatever flame had been lit in Germany convinced him to give up these riches and turn

> **6** Funnier than the film, but just as dark 9

professional. He won a season with the Shakespeare Festival Theatre in Stratford, Ontario, rubbing shoulders with the "incredibly supportive" Maggie Smith and Jessica Tandy. Six months on Broad-way in Trevor Griffiths's Comedians, directed by Mike Nichols, could have paved the way to indefinite residence in the United States, but Lamb was unwilling "to take on the

outer shell of an American". and headed home. A steady stream of stage and

running.

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look good.

television roles soon developed, which brings us back to BBC1's 1981-83 soap, Triangle. You remember Triangle? First Officer Lamb locking horns and lips with boss's daughter Kate O'Mara as they ploughed the, er, tempestuous waters between England, Holland and Sweden. Some actors might resent being reminded of their part in a drama regarded as a Grade A turkey. Not Lamb. With the unaffected enthusiasm and charm which have made him such good company, he is off and

"Triangle meant reasonable money and a good time on location. I would have been stupid to turn it down. Having been in it becomes more and more of a distinction." Even though it featured in the 1992 BBC theme night devoted to TV Hell? "Not only was it included, it was the only series to merit not just a clip, but a whole episode."

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Exeter Tories have chosen a hater of homosexuals as their candidate. What is the proper response?

Jewish Tory — a sup-position which, for readers who are Jewish Tories, may not require too great an imaginative leap. And suppose a local Tory association chose as its parliamentary candidate a man who described your people as "godforsaken" and

worse. What would you do? Let me propose three op-tions. Leave the Tory party and call on all people everywhere to vote for another: or, stay but recommend voters in this candidate's constituency not to vote for him: or, insist that Conservatives should always vote Tory, but urge the party to reconsider its choice of candidate in this case. Were a hypothetical Jew-

ish Tory to choose the third option, we would think him a very restrained fellow. Party members would give him a respectful hearing, grateful for his decision to stay loyal, stay on board, and work from within.

David Alien, chairman of the Tory Campaign for Homosexual Equality is such a man. As vice-president of the campaign I joined some 15 years ago, I

offer him total support. Mr Allen was posed a difficult question and gave the right answer. The decision of Exeter Conservative Association to select Dr Adrian Rogers as their pro-spective candidate was an insult criticism to millions of people, including

many thousands in Exeter. Dr Rogers has described homosexuality as a "sterile, disease-ridden godforsaken occupation" and advocated its recriminalisation and the proscription by law of all establishments where gay men or lesbians meet. If this were just a personal view, held in all conscience and offered in response to inquiry, he might not deserve fargetting. But he never ceases to volunteer it, made a career within the Conservaexpressing it, and couches his views in such hateful and intemperate language as to attract personal publicity. It is his crusade. People have a right to crusade, but they must expect flak; and those who select them as candidates must ask whether this flak will be helpful in a marginal seat containing

a large university.
I first met David Allen when he was a student at Exeter. I had gone there as a Tory MP to take part in a debate on homosexual equality. That was more than a decade ago. At Exeter last week, Angela Mason, dir-ector of the Stonewall lobby-ing group, debated the same question with Dr Rogers. Mr Allen spoke from the floor. Angelâ Mason made her case in her calm and dignified way. Mr Allen said it was at Exeter that he had first made love to someone of his own sex. Dr Rogers said he should turn himself in to a police station.

Mr Allen will now suf-fer the fate of all who steer a middle course: he will be attacked from both sides. Because he refused to recommend any Tory not to vote for Dr Rogers, elements in the gay media are vilifying him as being akin (in their words) to "a Jew who urges others to vote for the Nazis". Because he refuses to lead any campaign himself against Dr Rogers's candidacy, but says that is for Exeter Conservatives to consider, he is called feeble. And from the Tory moral Right, which would love to see our cam-paign for homosexual equality expelled from the

party, he is attacked for causing trouble. From all this he should take comfort. If he were to recommend any voter not to vote for any Tory candidate, he would give the moral Right just the ammunition it wants. David Allen's purpose is the opposite: to win votes for his party. He is entitled to warn Exeter Conservatives that they are going the wrong way

And they should under-

stand that this story is not going to go away. Exeter, where 3 per cent can swing the out-It is good candidates the previous Labto be our candidate crusaders. was thrown out for having alleg-edly expedited the but they must expect conviction of an anti-apartheid ac-

> South Africa, and where the new Labour candidate (a BBC journalist) has recently announced that he is gay. I am tempted to suggest that since Exeter homophobes are already unlikely to be voting Lab-our, Exeter Tories might turn their minds to finding a candidate who does not repel the other 95 per cent.

tivist hanged in

As tonight's vote on the future of Sir Nicholas Scott demonstrates, there is a growing readiness to insist that a parliamentary candical profile matters, and both his supporters and his critics should welcome that. Far from being a modern idea, this is the old-fashioned way. It restores the importance of the individual backbencher. It is grit in the engine of the infernal party machine with its dreary party states.

To bring single-issue de-bates and their protagonists back within the fold of the great parties is to refresh them, however inconvenient their managers may find it. The trend means that both progressives and traditionalists are likely to have platforms, and we who think Dr Rogers's bigotry should be an issue in Exeter must accept equally that anti-gay (or anti-abortion) campaigners who try to in-fluence the selection or deselection of candidates are not only within their rights, but invigorate politics. A bas, Adrian Rogers!

Onward, David Allen!

The man with the laptop cannot be traced and taxed, so governments will have to cut spending -

et us start with the facts in the Piedras Negras Broadcasting case: I will then explain why it is of central importance to the future of the world. The Piedras Negras Broadcasting Company was an American equivalent to the old Radio Luxembourg. In 1941 it was broadcasting programmes including advertisements across the border from Mexico to Texas. The American tax commissioners argued that this constituted "engaging in a trade or business" in the United States and claimed the right to tax

the company.
Piedras Negras appealed to the Board of Tax Appeals, which found in favour of the company: the tax commissioners then appealed to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which upheld the finding. The actual words of the Court of Appeal were "If income is produced by the transmission of electromagnetic waves that cover a radius of several thousand miles, free of control of regulation by the sender from the moment of generation, the source of that income is the act of transmission."

"Piedras Negras", as Mr Michael Karlin of the American lawyers Morgan, Lewis & Bockius observed in his recent UCLA lecture, "continues to be good law, and should apply to internet advertising as it does to other broadcast income." In terms of regulation, the European Union has followed the Piedras Negras principle. In European law, which has been much complained about in Britain, the regulation of satellite broadcasting is the responsibility of the transmitting and not of the receiving country; in the case of the Astra satellite, that is Luxembourg, which does in fact regulate, through the terms of the basic contract between the Luxembourg Government and Astra.

Mr Karlin's lecture was entitled "Cybertax: The Impact of the Internet

When tax revenues slip through the Net

Versa". Although the Internet is still in its infancy, it is already clear that it is going to alter the whole tax structure of the advanced countries. To start with, international taxation is growing in importance. We are entering the age of the global economy, and leaving the age of separate national economies. International taxation is based on the concept of residence and source. As Mr Karlin comments: "The Internet and other technological develop-ments will tend to undermine the administrability of a tax system based on these concepts.

As Piedras Negras determined and it is hard to see how that could be reversed — the taxable source of an electronic communication is the point of origin, not the point of receipt. On the Internet this source may be unknowable, and even when it is knowable it may be located in a jurisdiction where no tax is levied. Many tax systems depend on the customer reporting the source from which he is provided: that cannot be required of Internet transactions because the customer does not necessarily know who or where the pro-Mr Karlin also points to the

disintermediation which is already one of the Internet's most striking characteristics. Instead of people dealing with each other through an intermediary, they are able to deal direct; they no longer need the

on International Taxation and Vice distributors, brokers, bankers and so on who put them in touch with each other in terrestrial business, because the Internet lets them do that for themselves. But these intermediaries are the people who report taxable transactions to the authorities, and they are essential to the tax system.

No intermediary, no reporting. Substantial taxable revenues will therefore just disappear, either because the activity is taxable only in another jurisdiction, or because the source of activity is not traceable, or

William Rees-Mogg

because the activity will no longer be reported to the tax authorities. These legal and administrative problems arise even before one looks at. encryption. Cheap and readily available software for encoding Internet messages is already on the market, at a cost of £100 or so. In theory, some of these codes could be broken, but if one considers that there will be billions of messages running through billions of alternative routes and using billions of coding possibilities, the tax authorities will not in practice be able to decipher them: In short,

haven, and unfortunately a haven for money laundering as well.

So far the US Treasury Depart-ment's response seems to be based on three rather unstable premises, with signs of the development of a new but very illiberal strategy. The first premise is that, as far as possible, Internet taxation should follow existing tax principles. The second is that new tax classifications should be avoided. The third is that the emphasis on taxation by source should be replaced by taxation by residence. As you cannot catch the electronic message, you go for the individual. This is already the strategy of the penal policies the Americans have adopted to stop their citizens giving up citizenship, to tax those who do, to refuse entry to the United States to those who have given up citizenship for what are deemed to be tax reasons, and to tax aliens who have been resident in the United States when they leave.

his is a real threat to turn the United States into a penal tax colony, and shows every sign of panic. In fact, an increasing number of highly paid intellectual activities can be pursued anywhere in the world. Just as the source of an electronic message cannot be identified, so most activities in intellectual property can be performed in any location and transmitted instantaneously. The United cyberspace is an impregnable tax. States strategy may drive its elite

good, but if it cannot identify the electronic transactions, it will still be unable to tax them.

This process of tax erosion is only beginning. Global electronic transac-tions will multiply again and again, and will become harder and harder to identify. Habits of tax payment formed in the period when transac-tions could be identified will weaken. Indirect taxes will become a more and more important part of revenue because you can tax what you can touch or see Necessities will in-creasingly be taxed, because they are both identifiable and impossible to avoid Property taxes will rise. Even so, the taxing capacity of govern-ments as a percentage of gross domestic product will steadily be reduced. The tax take is likely to fall in most countries from around the French level of 50 per cent to around the Hong Kong level of 20 per cent. The ambitions of government will have to be reduced; in particular welfare systems in which most transfer payments go both from and to middle-class and middle-income people are likely to become both

insolvent and unpopular.

The direction of change is unmistakable. The timing and scale are not so certain. A working assumption might be that the explosive collision between rising welfare costs and a shrinking tax base will come in the period between 2005 and 2010, three British Parliaments and three American presidential terms from now. The political debate may be about whether to cut expenditure, perhaps by about a third, or to try to penalise the taxpaver because the transactions cannot be identified. The penal policy will not work. You cannot tax the man with the laptop if you do not know who or where he is. The principle of Piedras Negras is going to change the world of the

Who's wearing Labour's clothes?

Peter Riddell

says Labour's

confusion has

been exposed by

the Budget

Blair should be worned. They could be the longterm losers from last week's Budget. In the short term, admittedly, Labour is still well-placed and nothing has happened to alter the election odds. But if, after the election, a Blair government falters and fails in office, it may be because of its inability to cope with the consequences of the public borrowing, spending and tax plans announced last Tuesday. Labour's dilemma is that the

tensions inherent in its own strategy have been made more acute by the flaws in Kenneth Clarke's proposals. The Budget has highlighted contradictions in new Labour, which would be faced by any centre-left party in an era of limited government: how to promise change while appearing financially responsible. Gordon Brown is sincere in his determination to be an "Iron Chancellor", sticking to the golden rule limiting public borrowing only to what the government invests and with tight limits on overall debt. A Blair government would not be wildly profiligate. Tory claims that Labour is committed to £30 billion extra in public spending over the life of a Parliament are absurdly high. They miss Labour's real weakness: that the attempt to stay within tight fiscal constraints will destroy the unity of a Blair government, disillusion its supporters and bring attacks from left-wingers such as Dennis Skinner and his successors -- just the same as happened to the Wilson and Callaghan administrations.

The Blairite answer is that this time Labour is being open before the election, so there can be no charges of



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sector in education (assisted places) and health (ending tax relief on insurance for over-sixties) go in the wrong direction. Links between the private and public sectors should be strengthened, not weakened.

Labour policy has been seriously contradictory in proposing no overall rise in public spending while oppos-ing many of the Tory measures to contain expenditure. Last week. Labour spokesmen were again denounc-ing cuts in a wide range of programmes, from the London Underground to single-parent premi-ums, without saying whether their party could, or would, reverse them. Yet without such measures, spending will rise inexorably.

pressures. The macro-economic proections are over-optimistic and the pending plans are unsustainable. Public borrowing is too high for a period of strong growth, and the signs of a consumer boom strengthen the case for further restraint to avoid a rise in inflation. Moreover, the public spending figures rely heavily on creative accounting, exceptional items (such as the sale of defence homes) and improbably tight squeezes on Civil Service running costs and core programmes. The Government is being too optimistic in its claims about savings from its much trumpeted "spend to save" attack on tax evasion and benefit fraud. There should be a few blushes in the Treasury. So leaving aside the probability of further rises in interest rates

in the coming weeks or months, the Chancellor after the election, who-

lower spending and higher taxes. its current approach if it is to offer a credible stategy at the election which does not have to be abandoned afterwards. Talking in general terms about restraint and cutting waste is no longer good enough. Labour has to say where it would cut spending. A Blair government would have to be radical - not only dropping ideas it has used to appease the unions, such as the end of compulsory competitive tendering, but also recasting the social security system in much the way that Peter Lilley has done.

ven if these measures succeed in limiting the growth of spending, the tax burden will have to rise if borrowing is to be reduced and standards in, say, the health service are to be maintained. While Mr Clarke has stolen some of Labour's clothes with his attack on tax evasion, there is corporate sector and the better-off by tackling perks and closing loopholes. Labour may promise that tax rates for most people will not rise, but it is wrong to enter into a competition with the Tories on tax-cutting by proposing a new starting rate of 15 or 10 per cent at some vague future date and a cut in VAT on domestic fuel. Such populist gestures may be good for Labour's image with wavering voters, but they create a false impression about future taxes.

Mr Brown regards these criticisms as unfair and impossibly purist. After all, hasn't he been the most responsible Shadow Chancellor in memory? Hasn't he made himself unpopular in the party by stamping on any hint of new commitments? Isn't it much harder to agree expenditure savings in opposition than in government? Hasn't Labour revealed more of its plans than any previous Opposition, and isn't it being judged by tougher standards than the Tories? These are all reasonable points, but it is precisely because the public, and the markets, believe that Mr Brown will be Chancellor within six months that he is being pressed to be more forthcoming now. It is the critical test of the substance of "new" Labour.

MICKARNALK

DIAM VERSE

Cardinal error

ONE STEP ahead of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who arrives in Rome tomorrow, is John Monks, the General Secretary of the TUC. He was in the Vatican over the weekend trying to strengthen links between the Roman Catholic establishment and new

This follows October's fiasco, when the Bishops' conference of England and Wales published The Common Good and the Catholic Church's social teaching, which some Labour Party members wrongly interpreted it as an endorsement of new Labour.

Cardinal Hume had to make it clear that the Catholic Church was not in the business of supporting particular political parties, while a gang of Scottish bishops, riled by Labour's hijacking of their support, purposefully distanced themselves from Tony Blair.

None of this seems to have deterred Monks. "Power and wealth make people insensitive to the needs of the weak and the poor," he told the cardinals. When he added, however, that "the Catholic Church shares our view that moral values do not end at the factory gate and

office door," he was back on that tricky political terrain.

"Labour may agree with certain Catholic positions," said a leading Catholic priest in London, "but the Church does not share its views with Labour. This sucking up is

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losing his bonus'

Television Day. This is a new, UNsupported scheme to have the whole world swapping television programmes for a day, for the enhancement of cultural exchange". In short, we can watch soaps in Swahili, while the rest of the world gets Noel Edmonds. Sounds a fair deal.

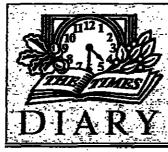
Palpable hit

ANOTHER triumph for Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman. He has just sent a begging letter to Councillor Percy Meyer, chair-man of the Liberal Democrats in John Major's own constituency,

"Dear Mr Meyer," writes Mawhinney, "You can provide us with an essential part of the Conservative election machine. A £20 donation goes straight towards communication to 4,000 people . . . Of course modern electioneering requires . . . targeted mailing.*

Set apart

CLASS seems to have the upper hand over money in the new South Africa if the fortunes of Earl Spencer and Mark Thatcher - both recent immigrants to the country are anything to go by. Thatcher



make commitments only where the

financing is identified, as in the

five early pledges on youth unem-

ployment (from the windfall levy

on utilities), reduced hospital wait-

ing-lists (from cutting administrative

costs), smaller class sizes (from

phasing out the assisted places scheme) and the like. Otherwise,

extra spending will have to come from savings within existing budgets,

and for 1997-98 Labour would stick to

But these figures do not add up.

Labour has a case in saying that the

initial shareholders in the utilities

made a killing at the expense of taxpayers, but that was five or ten

years ago. Much has since changed:

notably the regulatory regime is

much tighter. Moreover, the pro-

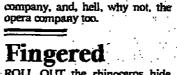
posed cuts in support for the private

the plans announced last Tuesday.

has kept his head down, seems to have reconstructed his marriage and has been settling his turbu-lent financial affairs. Nevertheless, his entree into Cape Town society has been awkward and he has had a hard time joining the smarter

Compare Earl Spencer, who seems rarely to be out of the law courts. He is being sued for £22,000 by the husband of Chantal Callopy. Spencer's latest squeeze, for "enticement and alienation of affection". Last week his case against a nuisance paparazzo ended in a fudge, with the photographer

claiming victory. And the reward for all this mess? Spencer has been invited by Jane Raphaely, South Africa's leading publisher of women's magazines, and a hot curler in Cape Town society, to be a patron of the city's ballet



The Budget has aggravated these

ROLL OUT the rhinoceros hide for Redmond O'Hanlon, explorer and author of the forthcoming Congo Journey. He will soon be arriving in Britain with his lucky fetish: a child's linger wrapped in monkey skin. It was given to him by a fetishist in the Congo, and he now carries it with him every-



O'Hanlon: unhand me. sir

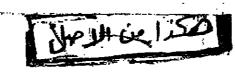
It certainly seems to lend him an extra something, as shown when he appeared recently on a Dutch chat-show. Before going on, he found a short, balding man, fidgeting in the wings. Slinging an arm round his shoulder, he said: "Don't worry, old chap, performing in-public gets easier with time." At which point the host announced, "Mr Phil Collins".

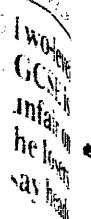
Tall story

INTO the Stafford Hotel, St James's, on Saturday night, loped Elle Macpherson, model and swimwear designer. With her head grazing the sports memorabilia which hangs from the bar's ceiling and walls, she was accompanied by a man who introduced himself as "James". Brawny of forearm and leathery of brow, he had the look of one familiar with mooring fees in Monte Carlo's harbour.

He was definitely not the Swedish banker with whom Miss Macpherson has recently been linked. She did little to dispel the supposition that models are a little empty upstairs with her opening remarks: "Wow, this place is so cute. So cute. Wow, I can't believe









LABOUR AND ULSTER

A Blair Government would be preoccupied by Ulster too

As the briefest of glances at the memoirs of Harold Wilson and James Callaghan will confirm, Labour Governments have found themselves ensnared by the politics of Northern Ireland. For significant periods, both those Prime Ministers spent as high a proportion of their time on the province as John Major has given for at least the last three years. Were he to enter Downing Street, Tony Blair can expect to find himself facing similar challenges and spending considerable political capital on the same issue. It is a matter that should increasingly command his attention.

The Opposition has, so far, given commendably consistent support to the Prime Minister. Indeed bi-partisanship on the Ulster question has been stronger under Mr Blair than at any other time since his party left office 17 years ago. Labour has backed away from its position of the 1980s, when it favoured a united Ireland, albeit by consent, a stance that alienated the party from all Unionist opinion. The efforts of Mo Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, and the lower profile work of others, such as Kate Hoey, have established a working relationship with David Trimble.

Mr Blair would be wise, however, to plan ahead. One of the disadvantages of bipartisanship is that it serves to defer thinking within the Opposition party. The natural temptation is to allow the Government to make the political running and discourage innovation to avoid the appearance of a division between the two front benches. Labour gives the impression that it is content to allow Mr Major its encouragement and will wait and see what it inherits.

If so, Mr Blair may get a rude awakening. He is expecting his first year in power to be dominated by Scotland. He could discover Northern Ireland has that status. In its rejection of the Prime Minister's initiative last week, the IRA seems set to adopt a new strategy. While it may step up its campaign against what its leaders would describe as "military targets" in Ulster as well as searching for spectacular acts of terrorism on the mainland, a complete return to fullscale violence may await new governments in London and Dublin. Although Labour has done nothing to encourage this analysis, Sinn Fein clearly believes it possible that it might make a costless return to the negotiating table by threatening an incoming Prime Minister with all-out atrocities as an alternative.

The Labour leadership needs to remove any illusions that Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness may entertain. That requires Tony Blair to associate himself directly with the affairs of Northern Ireland, and make clear where he stands. As part of that process, personnel issues need to be considered. Ms Mowlam has been an effective Ulster Shadow, but she could hold a number of portfolios in a Labour cabinet. A stronger signal would be sent if Mr Blair placed one of his most senior colleagues, and one of the few who have experience of serving in government, in that position. The figure who fits the bill is Dr Jack Cunningham, whose talents are presently under-deployed as Shadow Heritage Secretary. Dr Cunningham offers "listening to other people's opinions" as a recreation in his Who's Who entry. He would certainly get that opportunity as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

None of this would spare a Prime Minister Blair the burdens of Ulster. At a meeting hosted by The Times two months ago, he pledged to match the attention paid by Mr Major to the peace process. In practice, that may prove a very difficult promise for him to keep. Nevertheless, he now needs to prepare himself for the very considerable energy that he would have to expend if he were Prime Minister a year

DAY OF AIDS

Hope and fear march side by side

have for more than a decade shaped political and scientific response, good news can be almost as deceptive. Drug companies have at last developed protease inhibitors that have shown dramatic results in reducing the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) to below detectable levels in the body. Aids has not been cured, though it may now be held in check. But few were celebrating this breakthrough on World Aids Day yesterday. For the global picture is as dark as ever.

More than 22 million people now suffer from Aids, the vast majority in Africa, Latin America and Asia. The infection rate in some countries is accelerating to epidemic proportion. India already has five million sufferers; within the next three years that figure may reach 50 million. In China, by contrast, there are still only 133 confirmed cases of full-blown Aids. But more than 5.000 people are HIV positive, and Chinese health officials fear that there will be more than a million sufferers by the year 2000. Elsewhere in Asia the figures are still rising inexorably: 50,000 cases have already been noted in Thailand; thousands of undeclared cases add to the high totals in Pakistan, the Philippines and Indonesia; and almost no Asian city is now immune. Brazil and central America are still recording increases. In Africa the pandemic has been exacerbated by war, famine, disease, ignorance and misgovernment. And in Uganda one in ten people is infected and the disease has reduced average life expectancy by 10 years.

For the foreseeable future, drug treatment will be beyond the budget of any Third World country. Even in the richer West, cost is a big deterrent. New therapies can cost up

In a medical field where panic and paranoia to £10,000 a year for each life prolonged. Aids campaigners point out that this compares well with the cost of breast screening at £19,000 per year of life prolonged or coronary bypass surgery at £73,000. In Britain, fewer sufferers have access to the new therapies than in France and most other Western countries.

The overriding priority of Western governments is the search for a vaccine, although the mutability of the virus and the many false starts are now pushing such a breakthrough further into the distance. For the moment, therefore, the condition can best be tackled by modifying the behaviour that leads to its incidence. This means a continuation of the forthright Aids education programmes, the campaign for safer sex, emphasis on the dangers of promiscuity and the attempt to prevent intravenous drug use.

Critics have derided such programmes as devoid of moral content and unnecessarily alarmist; yet the fact that in the West there has been no catastrophic acceleration in the incidence of Aids can only underline their effectiveness. And in Africa, where education alone is all that impoverished governments can afford, Church and community leaders are in no doubt that straight talk saves lives.

World Aids Day occasions the kind of exhuberant stunts, outrage and sentimentality that many see as distasteful. They point out that other diseases, equally deadly, do not generate such activism. That in itself is no reason to deride the commitment shown across the world yesterday. Aids still exacts a huge cost on emotions and resources. Awareness and responsibility are still the most effective weapons against this scourge.

NICK'S KNACK

Kensington Conservatives debate their troublesome member

The long-running saga concerning Sir Nicholas Scott, MP, may finally be settled tonight. Last year he narrowly survived a reselection battle when locals charitably overlooked charges of drink driving and failing to stop at the scene of an accident involving a child. Now Sir Nicholas will discover if being found face-down in the gutter after an Irish Embassy event at the Conservative Party conference was his last chance saloon. Scores of would-be alternatives are waiting in the wings.

The meeting will tell us much about modern Conservatives. In a touching display, some 120 fellow members of the Parliamentary Party have written in support of their embattled colleague, with some of Westminster's most senior grandees in the vanguard. Once that might have been enough to save a chap. But the Tories have long moved from the estates to the estate agents. The backing of the high and mighty could be thought a liability - though perhaps not in Chelsea, arguably the wealthiest constituency in Britain and certainly the most solidly Conservative. As a huge proportion of the 120 MPs are probably residents, their letter has more the character of a local petition than a missive from social superiors. Even Mikhail Lyubimov, former colonel in the KGB, has expressed his admiration for this leading light in the Tory Reform Group. No surprise there.

Even before his recent enthusiasm for studying pavement art at close quarters, Sir Nicholas had been a controversial figure. His admirers point out that Time magazine once described him as "a rising world leader". His detractors note sourly the same journal once named Adolf Hitler as its Man of the Year. He was a junior minister in Northern Ireland when the IRA escaped en masse on his watch. At Social Security he was judged a failure by the disabled and his own daughter.

The dogged fight he has put up is said to be motivated by a desire to retire early in the next Parliament and pass on his patch to Chris Patten. Conservative activists might wonder what part they were supposed to have in this rather cosy arrangement. Hong Kong may indeed be one of the few places on the planet with greater riches per square mile than Kensington and Chelsea. However, the Colony's practice of appointed members in its legislature is unlikely to be easily imported.

The constituency will now have its moment. On the one hand it faces a host of Conservative MPs, presumably motivated by the fear of a dangerous precedent, queuing up to endorse Sir Nicholas. On the other, is the knowledge that the incumbent is out of touch politically with most Tories, has proved a walking - well, staggering embarrassment, and may try to hand his post over to one of his chums within months of polling day. The choice is for them. Most people outside West London will surely be wondering whether Sir Nicholas really can be the best that the safest Conservative seat in the country can offer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Police Bill 'would break Europe law'

From the Chairman of the British Legal Association

Sir. According to your report (November 29, later editions), under the provisions of the Police Bill, now before Parliament, the police will soon be able to eavesdrop on conversations between solicitors and their clients. The European Court of Justice has

The European Court of Justice has held that the concept of legal professional privilege applies in EC law (see A M & S Europe Ltd. v Commission (1982) ECR 1575.

Regulation 17/62, Article 20, im-

poses a specific duty on the Commission and the competent authorities of the member states, their officials and other servants not to disclose information acquired by them as a result of an investigation pursuant to Regulation 17/62 of the kind covered by the obligation of professional sec-

This Government, which talks about upholding law and order, is again bent on breaking European

If the executive arm of the Govern ment is able to eavesdrop, then lawyers may well have to adopt MI5 tactics by taking instructions from clients in museums and parks.

Yours faithfully. ALEX ALAGAPPA. Chairman, British Legal Association, 4 Kingsend, Ruislip, Middlesex. November 29.

From the Chief Executive of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service

Sir, On Monday the House of Lords will consider those parts of the Police Bill which will introduce a new criminal records agency. The agency will enable charities and organisations working with children and vulnerable adults to make criminal

record checks on their volunteers. The Bill does not make checks compulsory but organisations will come under pressure from trustees and insurers to be seen to be fulfilling their duty of care by running police checks.

It is quite wrong that volunteers who already give their time for nothing should be expected to pay the £5 to £10 which the Government now estimates the checks will cost.

Lord Weatherill, Lord Dubs, Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank and Lord Swinfen have tabled amendments which will ensure that criminal record checks on volunteers are free. We urge the Government to accept these amendments. If it does not, organisations like ours which depend on volunteers to carry out important work with children and vulnerable adults will face crippling bills which will seriously undermine our ability to

Yours truly, GERRY BURTON, Chief Executive, Women's Royal Voluntary Service, 234-244 Stockwell Road, SW9. November 29.

Modern Russia

From Lord Bethell

Sir, It was always on the cards that Alexander Solzhenitsyn, that very brave and effective fighter against Soviet tyranny, would come to be a critic of today's Russian Government too. But in suggesting (report, November 28) that today's rulers are as immoral as the Soviets were and that they operate with the same impunity, protected by the same type of censor

ship, he goes way over the top.

The strongest piece of evidence against his thesis is the fact that he is physically able to put it forward. In the 1960s and early 1970s it was a criminal offence in the Soviet Union to possess anything that he wrote. He was harrassed, arrested, charged with treason and exiled.

Today he lives in well-deserved huxury at home in his beloved Russia with his family and supporters. He reviles the Russian media, but they give him generous space. President Yeltsin has his faults, but

it is one of his merits that he tolerates Mr Solzhenitsvn's harsh words. The previous rulers of Russia dealt differently with the problem that he

Yours sincerely. NICHOLAS BETHELL, House of Lords. November 28.

Record catch

From Mr Lynn Hughes

Sir. I am afraid I must disabuse you of the claim (report, November 21) that the 981bs cathish caught by Mr Steve Bond is "a fish without precedent in the annals of British angling" (see also letters, November 25 and 26).

The fish caught on a rod and line by Alec Allen on the River Towy, at Nantgaredig in Carmarthenshire, on July 25, 1933, was the answer to any angler's prayer:

... so big that even I ... Will never need to lie." It weighed 388lbs, a sturgeon that had to be transported from the river bank on a horse and cart. Now that really was a fish!

I remain, Sir, vours sincerely. LYNN HUGHES, Dan-v-Bont. Drefach, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire. November 26.

Museum admission charges raise variety of issues

From Professor Sir Alan Peacock,

Sir. The good things in life are not free, the treasures of museums and galleries included. Resources to run them and conserve their collections must be paid for by charging, voluntary donation or grant-in-aid. The argument for grant-in-aid is that benefits accrue to the nation, such as improving the quality of choice, in addition to what individuals are willing to pay voluntarily, but this hardly justifies that it should cover the full cost.

If targets are set for national institutions which imply that grant-inaid is insufficient to meet them, then revenue must be raised elsewhere. But why not leave the directors of museums and galleries to take the initiative in deciding how the balance should be found in the light of the pattern of visitors that they are meant

This would go some way towards reconciling the various ideas about charges and payment that your correspondents (Arts. November 6; letters, November 21, 25, 28) have suggested, would encourage healthy competition between public and pri-vate museums and galleries and remaind directors that the large stocks in some of their basements are not simply there to keep their peer-group researchers happy. Indeed, directors should be given more power over the amount and composition of their stock of artefacts, selling and buying in order to improve their service to the

Yours sincerely, ALAN PEACOCK. 146-4 Whitehouse Loan, Edinburgh 9. December 1.

From Mr J. E. Blackwell

Sir, When I lived in London I was a devotee of the British Museum and I still regard it, in many ways, as my spiritual home. Since retirement I

have become a member of the BM Society and occasionally lend a hand in one of the departments as an unpaid volunteer. However, I can see no moral justification for not charging admission fees, at least to adults.

Free admission is a valuable asset for anyone living or working in London, and I am sure many people will fight hard to hold on to their perquisite. But for people of moderate means who live in the provinces free access is of marginal value. For them the cost of any entrance fee is negligible compared with the cost of

I am in favour of a substantial admission fee if this would allow the staff to make better use of the vast amount of material deposited in the

The museum desperately needs more money to fulfil its functions, but let those who benefit directly help to

Yours faithfully. EDWARD BLACKWALL 3 Prestbury Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire. December 1.

From Sir Hugh Leggatt

Sir, May I add one point to the debate on museum admission charges? It is that the more the funds raised by national institutions from private sources the greater the cut in govern-

Such a churlish policy by ministers underlines their own myopia and undermines the tireless work of the Trustees of the British Musuem and National Gallery in particular.

Yours faithfully, HUGH LEGGATT, 10 Bury Street, St James's, SW1.

From Professor D. M. Metcalf

Sir, In the articles and correspondence devoted to the British Museum's funding crisis, most attention has been paid to the question of entrance charges. The impact of possible staff reductions has not received the same consideration. Yet it is the expertise and skills of the staff which define how such an institution can deliver the services for which it exists, both to the general public, and

to the academic community. The value of the museum as an educational resource to the public, universities, schools, and learned societies depends on the endeavours of the keeper staff, many of whom become world-class authorities in their field. The impact of sudden, wholesale cuts would inevitably cause loss of experience and expertise which would take decades to replace. Entrance charges may be a tax on

knowledge, but staff cuts would attack

the foundations of that knowledge.

Yours truly, D. M. METCALF Royal Numismatic Society), Wolfson College, Oxford. December 1.

From Mr C. M. Woodhouse

Sir, In 1972, when Parliament considered legislation to impose admission charges at the British Museum, I asked the junior minister introducing the debate on the Bill in Committee whether he contemplates with equanimity charging Greeks for looking at the Elgin Marbles" (HC Debates, col 1304, January 25, 1972). I received no reply either from him or from his Secretary of State. Charges were imposed, though they did not last very

I have no means of putting the question again today, but I hope someone else will.

Yours faithfully, C. M. WOODHOUSE (Conservative MP for Oxford, 1959-66 and 1970-74). 59 Pegasus Grange, Whitehouse Road, Oxford. November 25.

Aspirin and children

From the Director and Chief Executive of the Medicines Control Agency

Sir. 'I write to correct a serious misunderstanding which may have arisen from views expressed by Dr T. C. Dann (letter, November 27; see also report, November 23).

Aspirin was withdrawn from use in the treatment of children during the mid-1980s because of concerns about its significant association with Reve's syndrome, in which acute brain swelling complicated by liver failure is commonly fatal.

This action has saved lives, and parallel steps taken in the US have reflected the UK experience. All aspirin-containing products carry a label warning that they should not be

used in children under 12 years. The Medicines Control Agency's consultation on proposals to improve the product information and restrict availability of paracetamol makes it quite clear that in normal use paracetamol is an effective analgesic with an excellent safety record in adults, in children, in the elderly and in pregnant women. There is no reason why those who presently use paracetamol in the recommended dosages should switch to an alternative analgesic.

Whilst the death rate from aspirin overdose is lower than that associated with paracetamol, this is more likely a reflection of the lesser use of aspirin than of paracetamol in overdosage. It is to prevent those who might currently overdose on paracetamol from choosing in future to use aspirin that the Medicines Control Agency pro-posals encompass all solid-dose an-algesics available over the counter.

Yours faithfully, KEITH JONES, Director and Chief Executive, Medicines Control Agency. Market Towers, Nine Elms Lane, SW8. November 28.

From Dr Robert Rouse

Sir, It is suggested (letter, November 27) that paracetamol poisoning is rare in France because the French have a culture which treats medicines with respect". They consume five times as many prescribed medicines per head as the British. Could it not be that they are simply too full to swallow any-

Yours faithfully ROBERT ROUSE. Ty'n-y-Cae Eglwysbach, Colwyn Bay, Conway. November 27.

School league tables

From Dr Leslie Bather

Sir, Even the headmaster of such a distinguished school as Sherborne dislikes the publication of school performance tables (letter, November 23; see also letters. November 20 and 28), but there is ample evidence that they are helping to make most schools

Can it be a coincidence that since league tables were introduced one of the most popular topics for teacher and governor training has become "school improvement"? Or that many routine head teachers' meetings have been enlivened by a more urgent desire to discuss ways of improving the monitoring of levels of achievement and of raising standards?

Examination statistics can be misinterpreted and they do give only a partial picture of a school, but in recent years parents have been offered other new sources of information as well. Ofsted inspection reports and standards of teaching and of disci-pline, the quality of pastoral care, the importance attached to praise and encouragement, the impact of extracurricular activities and much else that distinguishes the best from the worst schools. In my experience the result is that

the now universal open evenings give

everyone a chance to inquire about

parents as a whole are becoming better informed, more skilled in comparing schools and quicker to pick up how positive is the atmosphere in a school. Not long ago it was common for

many parents to assume that their child would simply go to the nearest school. That is happily no longer the

Yours faithfully, LESLIE BATHÉR (Headmaster, Bishopshalt School, Hillingdon, 1970-1996). Glenariff, 33 Ripon Road, Wallasey, Merseyside. December 1.

Gas safety

From R. J. Simmons

Sir. Pensioners, we sit each night before a gas fire. British Gas already charge us over £100 each year to service the central heating. To look at our one small fire they ask another £40. It's a lot. We can't afford it.

Last year 63 people died (News in brief, November 28) because of faulty gas appliances and blocked chimneys. Many more were ill, but escaped. Should anyone be surprised?

Yours faithfully. R. J. SIMMONS, ! Cuthburga Road, Wimborne, Dorset. November 28.

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No charge

From Mr Quentin Langley

Sir, I greet the news "British Gas bills fiasco worsens" (report, Business, November 23) with somewhat mixed feelings. I would like to think that such a major enterprise is being properly run. But if they ever solve their problems, they will presumably get round to sending me a bill, for the first time since I had gas installed in 1990.

When I do receive a bill - and it really ought to follow fairly hard on your publication of this letter - I will be more than happy to pay for the gas I have used. However. I intend to dispute the standing charges. I see no reason to pay for the administration of an account that has plainly not been administered.

Yours sincerely, QUENTIN LANGLEY, 53 Hillview Court, Woking, Surrey.

Fads and theories

From Mr J. B. Windle

Sir. How refreshing to read Simon Jenkins's article on management consultants and the recent book by Micklethwait and Wooldridge (November 23).

I am now retired, but spent much of my professional life working (quietly) in all kinds of organisations, offering no fads nor theories, and always setting out not only to make the patient well enough to survive, but fit enough to do so through his own strengths and talents.

The latest fad to catch Jenkins's eye - that of seeing a company as a biological entity — is particularly inter esting to me. As "the outsider" going into what, in the early seventies, was called Rover-Triumph, my request for an internal assistant was met with: "Brad is ideal, although we're sorry, he's a graduate micro-biologist, not an engineer." Wonderful!

The first task I gave him was to write out that list of seven basic functions common to every living or-ganism, and then examine a selection of departments against it.

Rover-Triumph — and Brad — did well during our years together. Yours faithfully,

J. B. WINDLE, Meadow Croft, 106 Station Road, Burley in Wharledale, Ilkley, West Yorkshire. November 23.

Cheek to cheek

From Mr C. F. MacLaren

Sir, I remember twin seats in a cinema (letters, November 18, 2i, 26) in central Glasgow in the very early 1930s. I am now so old that I can no longer

remember the name of the cinema.

nor, indeed, can I remember why, at

that time, I thought the twin seats were such a good idea. Yours sincerely, COLIN MacLAREN. The Coach House, Eye Park, Eye, Suffolk. November 27.

From Mr David Scott-Gattv

Sir. At the cinema in Frizington. Cumberland, some 50 years ago, if one wished to occupy one of the double seats at the back, one asked for a "fortle". On the price list, a fauteuil was really quite expensive - half a crown at least.

Yours faithfully. DAVID SCOTT-GATTY, Stonehouse, Netherbury, Bridport, Dorset.

Reverting to type

From Mr I. R. Lyon

Sir. I'm so glad that Mrs B. Keefe (letter, November 25), of the London College of Graphology, confirms my thoughts that handwriting can be studied to assess the psychological stability of the writer. I realised that many years ago and so bought a word

Yours faithfully. IAN LYON, Eastone Grey, Allenhayes Road, Salcombe, Devon.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 30: The Duke of York today attended the celebrations to mark the return of the Stone of Destiny to Scotland and was received at the Palace of Holyroodhouse by the Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr Michael Forsyth MP) and Her Majesty's Lord-Licutemant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost). His Royal Highness this morn

ing attended a Service of Dedication for the Stone of Destiny in St Giles Cathedral,

The Duke of York this afternoon presented the Royal Warrant to the Commissioners of the Regalia of Scotland at Ediburgh Castle.

His Royal Highness afterwards attended a Luncheon at Edinburgh Castle given by the Secretary of Castle given by the Secretary of State for Scotland to celebrate the return of the Stone of Destiny.

Birthdays today Today's royal

The Earl of Arundel and Surrey, 40. Sir Maurice Bathurst, QC, 83; Sir Frederic Bennett, former MP. 78: Mr Timothy Boswell, MP, 54: the Hon Nigel Calder, science writer, 65: Mrs Beryl Chitty, dip-lomat, 79: Professor Sir Alan Cook, FRS, former Master, Selwyn Colrich, former Master, Selwyn Col-lege. Cambridge, 74; Sir Frank Cooper, civil servant and company chairman, 74; Sir David Davies, former chairman, Welsh Dev-eloprüent Agency, 87; Mr David Green, director, Voluntary Service Overseas, 42; Mr Michael Green, cheirman, 20 Auften, Company chairman, Carlton Communications, 49; General Alexander Haig, former American Secretary of State, 72; Marshal of the RAF Sir Peter Harding, 63; Miss Patricia Hewitt, former deputy director, Institute for Public Policy Re-search, 48; Dr Gwyn Jones, BBC National Governor for Wales, 48; Sir George Labouchere, diplomat, 81; Dr Brian Lang, chief executive, British Library, 51; Mr Roy Moss, former vice-chairman, Allied Donisco, 67; Dame Winified Pren-

Conservationist peer honoured

Common, 67; Danie Winter President, Royal College of Nursing, 86; Miss Monica Seles, tennis player, 23; Mr Alex Smith, MEP. 53; Mr Gianni Versace, fashion designer, 50.

The Queen has appointed Lord tuxton of Alsa, a pioneering nature conservationist, to membership of the Royal Victorian Order. Lord Buxton has been a conservation adviser to the Duke of Edinburgh for more than 40 years and has travelled widely around the world with the Duke. Lord Buxton, who lives at Sufficey, north Norfolk, is a director of Anglia Television, where he pioneered the acclaimed Survival wildlife series.

engagements The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will amend a reception at the Garrick Club at 6.30 to mark the publication of a catalogue of the club's pictures.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Nortel, Maidenhead Office Park, Maidenhead, at 3.30. The Princess Royal will attend the Olympic dinner at the British Museum at 8.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Listening Library. will attend the annual meeting at Skinners' Hall at 5.05. The Duke of Kent will open the new army indoor tennis centre, Princes Avenue, Aldershot, at 5.00.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry Gally Knight, architect and writer, Langold. Yorkshire, 1786; Georges Seurat, painter, creator of Pointillism, Paris, 1859; Sir John Barbirolli, conductor, London, 1899; Maria Collan parameter Matty Vols. 1022 Callas, soprano, New York, 1923. DEATHS: Hernán Corrés, con-queror of Mexico, Seville, 1547; Gerhardus Mercator, cartog-rapher, Duisberg, Germany, 1594; Marquis de Sade, writer and adventurer, Charenton Asylum. rer, Charenton Asylum, Paris, 1814; Amelia Opie, novelist, Norwich, 1853; John Brown, militant abolitionist, executed, Charles Town, Virginia. 1859; Edmond Rostand, dramatist, Paris, 1918; Giles Cooper, playwright, Sur-biton, Surrey, 1966; Stephen Pot-ter, humorist, London, 1969; Philip Larkin, poet, Hull, 1985; Aaron County, New York, 1990. St Paul's Cathedral, rebuilt by Wren, was opened, 1697.

Napoleon Bonaparte crowned himself Emperor of the French in Notre Dame, Paris, 1804.

Nature notes

IF THE weather gets very cold after Christmas, many goldfinches will go south to Spain, but at present there are still plenty of them about Some males are singing a subdued, whispering version of their summer song. Treecreepers are more noticeable now that most trees are bare: they cumb with a jerky move ment up the trunks, probing for tiny insects and their eggs, and carve out roosting holes for themselves behind the soft red bark of wellingtonias. Golden plovers have come down from the moors, and are feeding in flocks on lonely pastures: their plumage is duller than it was in summer, but there is still a hint of gold on their backs. Black-headed gulis sometimes try to rob them of the worms and beetles they pick up. Waterside trees are still



quite green, especially weeping willows and sallows. Many birches lost their foliage early in the autumn, but some of the younger trees are still covered with lemon-yellow leaves. Thick swags of vellow needles also cling to the larches. In the mouths of some rabbit burrows, there are glittering yellow lines on the roof and sides: this is luminous moss, whose tiny leaves develop from those shining threads. DJM

MATTOCK - On 28th November peacefully in Berwick Infirmacy aged 85 years Euth Mary of Seahouses. Puneral Service

Seangusea. Fusera Suvere in St Aldans Church, Bamburgh, on Wednesday 4th December at 2.30 pm followed by integment in North Sundariant Cemetery.

du FMÉ - Shalla, on Nov 28th, 1996, peacefully in Jersey, in her 80th year. Devoted and beloved wife of the late Gazeth and dearly loved mother of Michael, lan and David, mother-in-law of Inger, Sabine and Haidi, prantimother of Mina, Dominique and Pascale and greet-grandmother of Mina, Duminique and Pascale and greet-grandmother of Mina, Funeral Service at St. Clement Parish Church, Jersey on Thursday, Dec 5th at 12 noon, followed by interment within the churchyard, Flowers may be sent to Pincher & Le Queene Led, 59 Kensington Place, St. Helier (01534 33330)

ELECTROTON - Lealie (née lumaden) agad 98 years. Late of Anganezha, Widow of the late Lt. Col. S.H. Eltington. Died percefully on 29th November 1996. Dearly loved mother, grandmother and greatgandmother at Worthing on Monday 9th Docamber at Worthing Crematon at 2.40 pm. Ransily flowest only please, but, dougtlens, if desired to The Royal British Legion do H.D. Tibe 14.6. 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, W. Sz. Tel: (01903) 23451d.

EVAMS - Robert Quennell Franks of St Antony, Church Road, Lianstadwell, Milton Hawen, suddenly on 29th November 1996. Funeral service at Lianstadwell Church 11.00 Wednesday 4th December. Family flowers only, please, but domations to BRUI

Bernini's lost bust of King recaptured

TWO plaster casts of the

marble bust of Charles I, made by the great Italian sculptor Bernini and lost in the Whitehall palace fire of 1698, have been discovered. The casts, one belonging to

a British private collection and the other at Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire, had been long unregarded. One is pictured on the right.
The art historian Gudrun

Raatschen describes in this month's issue of The Burlington Magazine her detective work that led to confirmation that they were taken from the original Bernini sculpture. Gian Lorenzo Bernini was

commissioned to make the bust by Queen Henrietta Maria in 1635. Because Bernini was unable to travel to London, the famous triple portrait of Charles I (now in the Royal Collection) was painted by Van Dyck and sent to Italy. It shows the king full face, in full profile on his right cheek and half profile on the left. Bernini based his sculpture

on the painting but made a number of small changes. From contemporary accounts he clearly regarded it as one of his masterpieces. He had cut the marble into such thin and delicate shapes that he was worried that details such as "the little lockes of hayre" would be damaged on the journey back to England.

Once it had safely arrived, plaster casts were made for artists, one ending up in the possession of Jonathan Richardson, who made drawings of it. These drawings were used by Ms Raatschen to identify the casts.
Photographs taken from the same angles as the Van

sculpture were connected. Charles's brushed-up moustache in particular has been faithfully copied by Bernini, down to the fan-like curls. Other copies of busts of Charles I have been put forward in the past as candidates for the lost original. It has taken until now to estab-lish what it really looked like.

Dyck triple portrait reveal

how closely the painting and



The night sky in December

By Michael J Hendrie ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY is at greatest eastern elongation (20 degrees) on the 15th. It should be visible low in the southwest after sunset during the middle of the month when it will be setting up to an hour and a half after the Sun. As bright as -0.5 magnitude on the 15th, it will fade quickly later in the mouth. Crescent Moon to the north on the 12th.

Venus is a -3.9 mag morning star, a brilliant object in the southeastern dawn sky. It will be rising only two hours before the Sun by the 31st. Waning crescent Moon 2 degrees north on the 8th. Venus will be a few degrees north of the first magnitude star Antares on the morning of the 24th. Mars moves into Virgo

reaching 0.5 magnitude and rising before midnight by the 31st. Moon to the south on the 3rd-4th. Jupiter sets only an hour after the Sun by the end of the month. Moon to the north on the 12th. Saturn is in Pisces and sets

before Oh by the end of the year when it will be 1.0 magnitude. It reaches a stationary point on the 4th and then resumes direct eastward motion against the stars. Moon to the north on the 17th. Uranus in Capricornus sets at 18h on the 31st. Moon to the

north on the 13th. Neptune in attarius sets by 17th 30m by the end of December. The Moon: last quarter 3d 05h. new Moon 10d 17h, first

quarter 17d 10h, full Moon 24d 21h. The Moon will be very close to the first magnitude star Aldebaran on the 22nd-23rd. The Earth: winter solstice 21d 14h. Sunset on the 1st is at 15h 50m and on the 31st at 16h

00m while sunrise is at 07h 45m and 08h 08m on the same dates. Astronomical twilight ends at 17h 55m and 18h 05m early and late in the month

President South African Conners Association. Late Chairman SA Military History Society. Late Chairman Exitish War Graves Committee and Member Ratal Monuments Council Military history and genselogy expect. Served in 33rd Airborne Light and 29th Commundo Begiments Royal Artillery. Devoted his life to the help of others. Will be much missed in South Africa and the United Kingdon; Funeral was on

HOWELLS - (Née Cowlin) Alexandre Bentzice aged 94 years, pescerbily at Lindum

grandmother. Funeral Service at Berestey Minster on Friday 6th December at II am. No flowers but donations if desired to Beverlay Minster GRI Fund

Moosgate, Beverley.

HOWEL - At home in Lundon on 26th November 1996, Anne Heslewood, formerly de Broë-Ferguson (nie Lake). Desriy loved wife of Dunald and mother of Marie-Louise, Riward, Suste and Victoria (Riscuit). Funeral Service, Putney Vale Countorhus at 2.15 pm. 4th December 1996. Flowers may be sent to Chaise Funeral Discotors, 2608 Futhern Road, London SW10 9EL Tel; (0171) 352-0008.

AMBERTON - Deborah Catherine on Wednesday 27th November 1996 after a short but brave fight against cancer. Durity loved mother of Gary and Dina, and adoped grandmother of Clafe and Phoshe. She will be greatly missed.

and begins again at 05h 45m and 06h 05m.

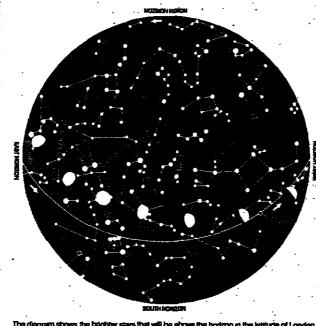
Algol, the eclipsing variable star in Perseus, lades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours. It can be seen when faint about the following times: 3d 20h, 18d 04h, 2ld 01h, 23d 22h and 26d 19h. The Geminids meteor show-

er is the equal of the August Perseids but not as often seen because of poor weather and less pleasant observing conditions. While some meteors can be seen over the period De-cember 9-15, the shower peaks this year on the night of the 13th-14th. The position of the radiant is shown on the monthly chart, just to the north of Castor. The Moon will be only three days old so will not interfere. More meteors should be seen later in the night as Gemini rises higher

stars" among them.
Comet Hale-Bopp has been

visible in the evening sky in the Serpens-Ophiuchus area this autumn, moving slowly north just south of the celestial equator. In mid-November it was around 4th magnitude though it has not been an easy object to find in low power binoculars from light polluted sites, being rather compact and easily mistaken for a star. It will cross the celestial equator on December 6. This month it will be low in the western sky after dark but may be as bright as 3rd magnitude. How visible it will be at this time is impossible to forecast and depends very much on the clarity and darkness of the sky.

Comet Hale-Bopp has been in the eastern sky. Some 60 or a little fainter than expected



at 29h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the morth, local mean time. At places away from the Greanwich meridian the Greanwich times at monat, occurrent urner At process area promise development in the deserment arrives as which the degreem applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 degree west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the houzon the observer faces (above by the words around the crole) is at the hostom, the zanish being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying text unless otherwise stated.

more per hour can be expect-ed, with some bright "shooting this autumn but continues to look like a comet with the

potential to put on a good display in the New Year. Current forecasts are for a maximum brightness 0 to 1 magnitude, which would make it comparable to Saturn in brightness rather than to Sirius or Jupiter as suggested by many astronomers earlier this year. However, even at l magnitude it would still be a very respectable object. Comet Hale-Bopp was still 3 astronomical units (AU) or 450 million km from the Earth and 360 million km from the Sun in mid-November. By April 1, 1997, when the comet is at perihelion, its closest to the Sun, it will be just inside the Earth's orbit at 0.91 AU or 136 million km from the Sun. Its closest to the Earth will be about March 20 at 1.32 AU or

198 million km. Thus the comet will never be very close to the Earth or the Sun, unlike comet Hyakutake earlier this year, which passed only 15 million km from the Earth and later within 35 million km of the Sun. While comet Hyakutake's size and brightness were due largely to its proximity, Hale

Bopp seems to be a large comet, bright despite its distance. It should be visible before dawn from mid-January becoming more visible and brighter until late March when for a time it will be visible after sunset in the northwest, above the northern horizon during the night, rising higher again now in the northeast before dawn.

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Forthcoming ... marriages

The Hon Gavin Hamilton and Miss H. Roskill

The engagement is announced between Gavin, eldest son of Lord and Lady Hamilton of Dalzell, of and Lady Hammon of Daniel, or Betchworth, Surrey, and Harriet, younger daughter of Mr Thomas Roskill, of Brockhampton, Herefordshire, and Mrs Elizabeth Roskill, of Headington, Mr LG. Rich

and Miss L.A.I. Signmonds :-The engagement is announced-between Jonathan, son of the late. Mrs R. Rich, of Wallingford, and Lucy, daughter of Commander and Mrs Peter Simmonds, of Mr L Stazicker

and Miss S. Reece The engagement is announced between lan, son of Mr and Mrs F. Stazicker, of Villetonge-dels-Monts France and Samantia. daughter of Colonel and Mrs M.J. Reece, of Scholar Green, Cheshire. Mr N.F.A. Troth and Miss A.C. Anderson

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Francis Andrew, third son of Dr and Mrs Harvey Troth, of Alresford, Hampshire. and Antonia Caroline, daughter of Mrs. Philippa Anderson, of Domaine de la Marjolaine, Bagnols-en-Foret, France and the late Mr Bruce Anderson.

Mr D.J. Wheeler and Miss A.E.L. Smith and Miss A.E.L. Smoot
The engagement is announced
between Dominic, elder son of Mr
Nick Wheeler, of Worcester, and
Mrs Christine Hare, of Cradley,
Worcestershire, and Alexandra,
dauginer of Mr and Mrs John
Smith, of Eastbourne.

Marriages

Mr M.A. Biddle Mr. M.A. ssune
and Lady Arabella Erskine
A service of blessing was held on
Saturday in the Chapel of St Mary
Undercroft, Palace of Westminster, after the marriage of Mr.
Mark Eddin was a marriage of Mr. Mark Biddle, younger son of Mr and Mrs Donald Biddle, to Lady Arabella Erskine, younger daugh-ter of the Earl and Countess of Buchan The Rev Roger Holloway officiated

A reception was held at the House of Lords. The Hoa R.T.A. Goff and Miss C.L. Cregeen

and Miss C.L. Cregeen
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 30, at The
Temple Church, London, of
Thomas, only son of Lord and
Lady Goff of Chieveley, and Catherine, only daughter of Mr Peter
Cregeen, of Hawkley, Hampshire,
and Mrs. Jennifer Cregeen, of
Frencham, Surrey, Canon L. Frensham, Surrey, Canon I. Robinson officiated, assisted by

Canon CT. Scott-Dempster.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Wendy Barratt, Emily Southward. Clare Barratt, Anna Jackson and Jack Barratt. Mr David Cameron and Mr Toppo Todhunter were best men.
A reception was held at the Inner
Temple Hall and the honeymoon

will be spent in the South Pacific! Mr N.D. Crowley and Miss A.A. Calinescu The marriage took place on Sat-urday, November 30, at Little Hempston, Devon, between Mr

Nicholas David Crowley, son of Commander and Mrs David Crowley, of Sparkwell, Devon, and Miss Alexandra Adela Calinescu, eldest daughter of Mrs Eileen Calinescu, of Cambridge.

Jean Story Tatham, of Kirkimton, ous charities.

Kenneth Ellison Horne, of Boughton, Northamptonshire, left estate valued at £5,475,222 net. Peter Allea Holt, of Oakham

Service dinners

35 Signal Regiment (Volunteers) The Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress of Birmingham and Brigadier J.H. ications Headquarters Land, were the guests at the annual officers dinner of the 35th (South Midland)
Signal Regiment (Volunteers) held
on Saturday at Birmingham Council House. Lieutenant-Colonel R.M. Thurston, Royal Signals. presided Brigadier LA Sim. Honorary Colonel of the Regi-

No 2 Welsh Wing ATC Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis. Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, and Lady Willis were guests of and 130y with were guests of honour at the arancal dinner of No 2 Weish Wing ATC held at Bryn Cregin Hotel. Deganwy, North Wales, on Saturitay. The Commander M.N. Richards, and Mrs. Richards were present. Squadron Leader T. Foley presided.

TA Airborne Officers and HQ 5 AB Brigade General Sir Roger N. Wheeler was the principal guest at a dimer held on Sathrday. Other guests were Brigadier Richard Hohnes and Mr Rupert Allason, MP. Lientenant Colonel Eric F. Kolin presided.

Dinners.

Reyal College of Obstetricians and Gynacologists The Duchess of Gloucester was the

and Gynactologists

The Duchess of Gioucester was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Royal College of Glistetricians and Gynaecologists held on Friday, November 29, at the College, Dr. Naren Patel. President of the College, and Dr. Helen Panel received the guests. Mr. John Mortuner, QC, replied to the toast to the guests. The other guests included:

Mr. George Borthwick, Dr. Michael Brindle, Professor Sir Norman Browse, Sir Kenneth Calman, Lord Praser of Carmyllie, Dr. June Crown, Baroness Cumberlege, Sir William Doughry, Dr. Peter Enoch, Dr. Stuart Fair, Miss Caroline Film, Dr. Stuart Fair, Miss Caroline Film, Dr. Stuart Fair, Miss Caroline Film, Dr. Christopher Harling, Baroness Hayman, Mr. Ken Jarrold, Dr. Bethy Kerishaw, Mrs. Ann. Lather, Mr. John Lewellyn Williams, Dr. Alexander Macara, Professor Norman MacKay, Professor Roderick, MacSween, Dr. Jeremy Metters, Dr. John Modle, Mr. Collin Morgan, Mr. Bruce Noble, Dr. Bridget Ogitvle, Sir Christopher Paine, Sir Keith Peters, Professor George Radda, Mr. Geoff Scaife, Sir Rodney Sweenam, Professor John Temple.

Stonymars: Association:
Father Michael O'Halloran, SI,
was the guest of honour at the
Stonyhurs: Association's dinner
held on Saturday at the Assembly
Rooms, Bath. Mr Michael
Gorman, chairman, presided Mr
AJF, Aylward, Headmaster of Stonyhurst College, also spoke.

Association of Old Brightonians Lord Skidelsky, FRA, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Association of Old Brightonians held on Saturday at Brighton College, Rear-Admiral P.G.V. Dimensions practical was P.G.V. Dingemans, president, was in the chair. Mr J.D. Leach, Headmaster of Brighton College, also spoke.

WOHN Mar DOLG

The Old Latymerian Association The Annual OLA Dinner was held at Latymer Upper School, W6, on Friday, November 29, with Professor Alan Mumford in the Chair. Principal guests included The Mr. W. Emmott, Editor of The Economist, who proposed the toast to the School and the Association.

Latest wills

Cartisle, left estate valued at £1,068,865 net. She left all her estate to be divided between vari-

£1,809,869 net. He left seven and a. half parts of his estate to be shared between the British Red Cross and Marie Curie Cancer Care, plus two and a half parts to Whissendine Parish Church.

Judath Craig Bell-Greene of Hambledon, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at E2.447.282 net. Mollie Gordon Smith, of Saxmundham, Suffolk, left estate valued at £1,382,368 net.

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DEATHS

Patrick, Victoria, Wallam and all her family, we will all miss her war much. Service at Gloucester Cathederal on Friday Decamber 6th at 12:30µm. Followed by cmanical at Gloucester crematerium at 2µm. No flowers at Viviennes request but gift wrapped toys for children homes may be sent to Ernest Cocks & Sons 49/51 Seymour Road, Gloucester by 11am (Tel 01462 523289).

McLEOD-BARKE - Im, dearly beloved husband of Sylvia, peacefully in his sleep on November 25th at home after a long illness. The funeral which was private has already taken place. Dountions to the ENLI would be appreciated and may be sent to flystel Evans Funeral Directors, 3 Wester Wills, Station Road, Narberth, Pembs. SA67 7DS.

NEEL. on November 28th at Ridgeway near Sheffield. Guy Battle aged 67 years beloved husbased of Authen, very dear father of Vanessa, Richard and Mark and father in law of Matthew. Service at St Peter and St Paul's Church Eckington. Monday December 9th 28 12:00 noon. No flowers please, denarions

Decamber 9th at 12.00 more, We flower please, demertions payable to The British Stears: Foundation may be sent to john Heath & Sons. Pensaral Directors, 4 - 16 Earsham St., Sheffield.

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at Goodsestone Parisis Church, Wednesday 11th December at 12 noon Family flowers only but donations it wished to the Samastons of C.W. Lyons Funeral Discours, 70 Military Road Canterbury, East.

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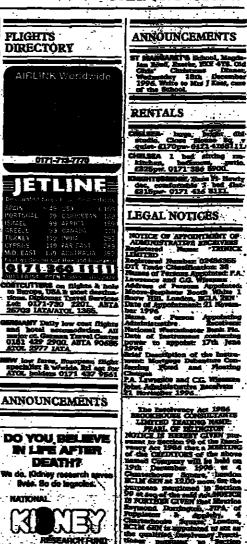
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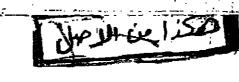
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FLATSHARE







FOR SALE

Tiny Tim, American popular singer, died of an parent cardiac arrest in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on November 30 aged 74. He was born in New York on April 12, 1922.

utting a bizarrely un-likely figure in the steamy ethos of the pop music business, Tiny Tim made his name by cultivating an image of childlike innocence at a time when rock 'n' roll culture had as its exemplars such rough beasts as Mick Jagger, Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin. Indeed, the single song Tiptoe through the Tulips on which, effectively, he constructed the entire edifice of his career, was a piece of extraordinary schmaltz which, with touching courage, set itself against the mores of that progressive decade the Sixties. While the rest of the brave

new world gloried in having achieved cynicism, streetwisdom and sexual sophistication, Tiny Tim constructed a stage persona that was touchingly naive, avowedly asexual and even a trifle right of centre politically. Flying in the face of the prevailing iconoclasm of the age, he spoke with respect of Christianity, of America's involvement in Vietnam, and of chastity in marriage. When he married his child-bride Vicki Budinger in front of a television audience of 40 million on the Johnny Carson show in 1969 Tim stressed to viewers that the laws of Christianity, not carnal appetites, would govern their union and that sex was the last thing on his mind. The toast to the bride was made not in the traditional champagne but

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and honey. Alas, both his first marriage and his career were to be evanescent affairs. By the dawn of a new decade, the Seventies, both had peaked. One moment he was making \$50,000 a year, the next he was in the wilderness, his falsetto voice, with its endearing knack of rendering worse even the most appalling of lyrics, a thing of memory.

with a mug of wholesome milk

TINY TIM



Tiny Tim was born Herbert Kauhry, on West 81st Street, Manhattan. His father was a Lebanese textile worker, his mother was Jewish. As a child he was an oddity. Ostracised by the children on his block, he took solace in singing at school. His favourite song, even as a small child, was a 1917 recording of Henry Burr singing Beautiful Ohio.

After he left school he performed in amateur shows before drifting down to the gay clubland of Greenwich Village. There, in the late Forties and early Fifties, long before long hair became de rigueur. he cultivated an uncontrolled shaggy mop which he teamed

with flowing jackets and trou-sers. He always claimed to have "tried to join the Army at least eight times during World War II, but couldn't pass the written test". It was a claim about which the world was inclined to be charitable.

He did actually possess a decent tenor voice, but it was when he went falsetto that he began to be noticed, playing at now-defunct Village clubs such as Page Three, under the stage name "Larry Love, the

Singing Canary".
The title "Tiny" was bestowed, as such things so often are, by accident and in a moment of irony. In 1965, as naive image he purveyed both he was shambling out of a on stage and on television. He

When he was elected to the

unpaid executive role of chair-

man of the Kennel Club in

1981, the Clarges Street offices

were not large enough to be

able to deal with the documen-

tation necessary for the regis-

tration and transfer of

pedigree dogs and the licens-ing of thousands of competi-

tive canine events. He helped

to bring about a modernisa-

tion of the club's operations

and to provide an efficient

service now registering some

250,000 dogs a year. The

computer system now con-

tains a database of some four

million dogs and is responsi-

ble for the compilation of five-

on shows such as Rowan and Martin's Laugh-in which gave him the coast to coast coverage which is the sine que non of popular success in America. Tiptoe through the Tulips. which he recorded in 1968, was a smash hit and from that moment until the bubble of his fame burst two years later, he was a national icon.

made the most of appearances

The success owed much to his ability to explore - and exploit - a vein of nostalgia for which Middle America always has a soft spot. His crooned versions of the old ballads recalled the age of the crank-handle gramophone. crinolines and warm nights on Southern porch steps. His first album of old-fashioned favourites, God Bless Tiny Tim, sold 100,000 copies in the first week of its release.

In the teeth of the Sixties, in that annus mirabilis of flower power, 1968, he was able to pack America's palace of rock, San Francisco's Filimore Stadium, for his act. Astonishingly, this aging envoy of Twenties' and Thirties' singsongs was given a delirious reception by a generation which had been born long after the melodies he gave them had faded from the airwaves.

But the sceptical Seventies were not kind to Tiny Tim. The gimmick - if gimmick it was could not be sustained at that level of intensity. The appetite for nostalgia seemed to collapse overnight and Tiny Tim was left at the end, as he had been at the beginning, peddling his act round third rate clubs, even entertaining parties of drunks on offshore cruise ships. As he struggled to keep his head above water he drank increasingly heavily and suffered from severe diabetes. Already suffering from congestive heart failure, he had collapsed and fallen from

and seriously injured himself. His first marriage ended in divorce, as did his second. He is survived by his third wife, Sue, and by the daughter of his first marriage.

the stage at a ukelele festival in

Massachusetts in September

ITHIER DE ROQUEMAUREL

The Marquis Ithier de Roquemaurel, French publisher, died in Paris on November 4 aged 82. He was born in

Villetoureix, Dordogne, on September 15, 1914.

DESCENDANT of Louis Hachette, the founder of the French publishing house in 1826. Ithier de Roquemaurel was known as the aristocrat of the French publishing and press worlds. Under him, Hachette became a dominant force in books, newspapers and their distribution. But it was his lavish country-house entertainment of France's political and literary élite which led one editor to describe him as a "modern Duc de Guermantes", a reference both to de Roquemaurel's love of Marcel Proust and to his manner.

In the 1960s and 1970s, de Roquemaurel expanded Hachette's book and distribution activities beyond France's borders, while at the same time helping Pierre Lazareff create a postwar press empire around France Soir, the Paris evening newspaper, and Elle magazine, which broke all traditions and records in the women's market.

Later Roquemaurel was cofounder of Le Point, the news weekly which was to shock the French political world by calling for the resignation of then Gaullist Premier, Pierre

Ithier de Roquemaurel stud-ied at the Ecole Centrale des Arts et Manufactures in Paris before taking over the family's printing businesses. From there, he moved to Librairie Hachette as board member, deputy chairman and then head of the company in 1967.

Hachette's postwar power arose because it controlled both the ownership and the distribution of its newspapers. The dominant editorial force was Pierre Lazareff, who had returned from the United States in 1945, gathered about him young Resistance journalists and created France Soir from the ashes of the collaborationist Paris Soir. By 1958 France Soir was selling close to two million copies each



evening in the Paris region. The political élite, if not lunching on Sundays with the Lazareffs at Louveciennes, outside the capital, was hunting with the Roquemaurels at Nangis in the Seine-et-Marne. where the livery of the staff outshone the finery of the

Those guests included Presidents Pompidou, Giscard d'Estaing and Mitterrand. The last was never to forget the help he had received at the outset of his parliamentary career from the de Roquemaurel family, who had befriended him as a young polit-ician and backed him during his successful 1946 election campaign as a rightwinger. The patronage later paid off in 1981 when Mitterrand, by then President, expressly omitted Hachette from the sweeping nationalisation programme of the incoming Socialist govern-

De Roquemaurel transformed Hachette from a family concern to one with an international reach. But the balance of power changed with a second postwar revolution in the French press in 1976, when the Prouvost empire, based on the weekly Paris Match, broke up with Hachette.

De Roquemaurel left the Hachette chairmanship to return to his estates to live the life, as a friend remarked, of someone who had stepped straight from a novel. Literature rather than balance sheets were discussed at château weekends. The Marquis, however, had earlier adapted to a changed world by signing a magazine deal with Disney. This coincided with the transformation of one of Proust's old haunts, the Café d'Angleterre on the Boulevard Hausmann, into a McDon-

One of his two sons continues the family tradition as vice-president of Hachette-Filipacchi Presse and his daughter, the Comtesse Florence Terray, is also in magazines. Ithier de Roquemaurel was predeceased by his wife.

JOHN MacDOUGALL

John MacDougall, chairman of the Kennel Club, 1981-96, died on November 7 aged 71. He was born on February 18, 1925.

ALTHOUGH a surgeon by rofession, John MacDougall had a strong interest in pedigree dogs, particularly poo-dles, which he and his wife had bred and shown for many years. For a time he was secretary of the poodle council, but it was as chairman of the Kennel Club, a post in which he served for 15 years, that he made his greatest contribution to the canine world.

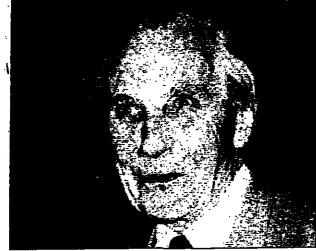
At a time when the keeping of pedigree breeds was increasing in popularity. MacDougall played a central role in the Kennel Club. He oversaw a rewriting of its constitution and was a stickler for good sportsmanship at competitions. He represented the Kennel Club on the issue of quarantine, which he hoped would eventually be abolished.

MacDougall helped to develop the Kennel Club Junior Organisation and oversaw the building and staffing of a library, now the largest specialised canine library in Europe. He also helped to initiate the good citizen dog scheme, to encourage dog owners to train their pets to acceptable standards of behaviour, as well as establishing a Kennel Club charitable trust whose objects included the support of canine rescue, the training of dogs to help disadvantaged human beings and the funding of research to advance scientific knowledge concerning dogs and their

John Arnott MacDougali was educated at City of London School from where he won an open scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, to read natural sciences. He was a keen sportsman who at school had been recorded in Wisden for making a century, and he represented his university at

squash and Eton Fives. On completing his degree he went on to study medicine at St Thomas' Hospital, London, holding various house appointments there and serving as a senior registrar before, in 1962, going to Wolverhampton where he worked as a consultant surgeon to the area health authority. He was responsible for developing a department of urology and he was to become senior surgeon and consultant urologist to the Wolverhampton District Health Authority and visiting surgeon to the West Midlands

generation pedigrees, the annual stud book and Crufts catalogues. He also oversaw the relocation of Crufts, the world's largest dog show, from London to the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. He is survived by his wife Daphne and by their two Spinal Injuries unit, Oswesdaughters.



Margaret Pollard, Sanskrit scholar and Bard of the Cornish Gorsedd, died in Truro on November 13 aged 93. She was born on March 1, 1903.

New York night spot whose

management had decided that

his lanky 6ft lin figure and

bizarre clothes did not "fit", a

voice from the audience called

out "Hey Tiny, do us a set". Kauhry returned, performed and from that moment grew

swiftly to fame as Tiny Tim.

The precise reason for his

success is difficult to analyse.

True, his warbling falsetto

seemed to represent a single-

handed cultural attack on the

prevailing rough-and-tough

atmosphere of rock 'n' roll. But

that alone would not have

guaranteed him success, much

less fame, without the dottily

IN A life of occasionally eccentric but always intense intellectual and crusading activity, Margaret Pollard worked tirelessly for the preservation of both the terrain and the culture of her beloved Cornwall. She learnt its long extinct language, familiarised herself with its medieval literature and participated in its bardic ceremonies. Through donations organised among a mysterious group of benefactors known as Ferguson's Gang, she enabled the National Trust to make a number of purchases of land and notable buildings in the county, thus saving them from the disfiguring ravages of modern development.

Finally, she wrote one of the best single-volume works on Cornwall, England's unique Celtic outpost, with its hardfavoured, rain-swept landscape, whose trees are perpetually hunched against the Atlantic gales.

She was born Margaret Steuart Gladstone, the daughter of John Steuart Gladstone and a great-niece of the Liberal statesman. Her father sent her to a dame school in Folkestone, intending, it would seem, that this should be the sum total of her education. If so, he had miscalculated since she inherited his interest in Hindu gods, and after he died in 1920 she went up to Newnham College, Cambridge. There, in 1924, she became the first woman to

MARGARET POLLARD gain first-class honours in the

Oriental Languages Tripos Part I (Sanskrit) and Part II

She received her PhD in 1952 and published a number of articles on Sanskrit. In addition to Sanskrit and Cornish. Russian was another language of which she had absolute mastery and she published several articles on

Eastern Christian texts. At St Margaret's, Westminster, in 1928 she married a Cambridge friend, Frank Poland she lived downstairs, each ed to goats".

when the first bungalows were beginning to threaten the austere beauty of Cornwall's majestic granite cliffs. In order to play her part in countering this vandalism, Peggy Pollard joined Ferguson's Gang, a band of anonymous donors to National Trust funds, whose operations were cloaked in a garb of the utmost secrecy. A heavily disguised - usually masked member of the gang would descend on the National Trust's London office with a bag full of money, leaving only a pseudonym, generally one redolent of Cornwall's smuggling past. Peggy's nom de guerre was Bill Stickers; she never knew who Ferguson

The donations were some-Mayon Castle which celebrates the purchase, in 1935, of

lard, later known as "Cap'n Pollard". They moved to a twobedroomed terrace house in Truro, where he lived upstairs enjoying the sound of the other laughing as they read. They had no children, and she soon became well known as the *strangely dressed lady devot-For 14 years she was Cornish secretary to the Council

for the Preservation of Rural

England. Those were the days

von Castle.

times recorded in song, and Peggy undoubtedly wrote the ditty Up on the Cliffs of

the Trust's first holding at



Land's End: 39 acres at Ma-The Mayon Castle purchase included the rock just off the coast known as the Irish Lady, where the ghost of a drowned Irishwoman appears in stormy weather, with a rose in her mouth by day and a lantern in her hand at night. When Peggy was made a bard of the Cornish Gorsedd on Bodmin Moor in 1938, she

took Arlodhes Ywerdhon -"The Irish Lady" — för her bardic name, and became the Gorsedd harpist.

When publishers were cheering up the reading public with inexpensive illustrated books soon after the war, Paul Elek issued his Vision Of England series, for which Peggy Pollard wrote Cornwall (1947), illustrated by Sven Berlin. It remains one of the best - and is certainly the funniest - portraits of the Duchy, capturing, as it does, the habits of mind and speech of Cornwall's instinctively

ironical inhabitants. For a while she was active in the life of Truro Cathedral and was even for a period secretary to Bishop Hunkin. But in 1947 she became a Roman Catholic. She was a prime mover in building a new Catholic church for Truro. Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran. It was opened in 1973. and she is generally believed herself to have acquired the site, where the medieval chapel of Our Lady of the Portal had stood.

Ferguson's Gang left its mark on the Guild of Our Lady of the Portal which Pollard organised in the 1960s. Its members were known by numbers only (she was Sister 10.) They said the Rosary in pairs on the telephone every evening, and at a given hour practically all the lines to West Cornwall would be jammed by Hail Marys at the given hour, a most unusual occurrence in this otherwise strongly Methodist county.

In her seventies, she began translating from Church Slavonic, especially akathist hymns (the Eastern Orthodox Church's sublimely beautiful

songs of praise to the Mother of Godj. She was even able to find one for Our Lady of the Portal. Some were printed by the Society of St John Chrysostom.

She composed singable, not to say witty, hymns in Latin. Cornish, and English, Her pastiche of medieval Cornish miracle plays, Bewnans Alizarin (1941), is the best and most extended joke yet made in Cornish.

In Truro itself she was, perhaps, best known for her embroidery and tapestry work. The Guinness Book of Records mentioned her runner embroidered with pictures of C. S. Lewis's Namia stories:

the tapestry is 1.338 feet long. Long after her sight had gone, she went on tirelessly collecting for black nuns in South Africa (who called her Mah). To celebrate her 80th birthday she led 40 parishioners to the shrine of the Fourteen Holy Helpers at Vierzehnheiligen in southern Germany. This medieval Bavarian devotion seemed per-

fectly natural to her. Even before the Cap'n died in 1968 she began giving away her worldly goods and was ultimately reduced to living in one room whose cheerful squalor she stoutly defended against callow and pedestrian criticism. How much money she gave away no one will ever know. Her sense of humour was earthy, her chuckle more like a stomach rumble. Eccentric she may have been, but she was also fiercely rational

and widely loved. Three days before she died she was, at last, too tired to finish the telephone rosary with Brother 15. They had said it daily for 35 years.

University news

JESUS COLLEGE

Elections To Open Scholarships: Michael Beadle (formerly of King's School, Chesier). Alan Boyce (Boston Grammar School, Lines), Richard Bull (Bablake S. Coventry), Stephen Chewter (Tombridge S, Kent). Jessica Collins (Westminster S. London), Kate Frost (Tonbridge Grammar School for Girls, Kent), Bernhard Fulda (Aloisiuskolleg. Germany). Aliza Gaon (Withington Girls, Manchester). Claire Gifford (Hills Rd Sixth Form College, Cambridge), Angus Halkett (Winstanley C. Wigan), Halkett (Winstanley C. Wagain, Joanna Hillard (Wycliffe C., Gloucester), Robert Hinch (Hills Rd Sixth Form C. Cambridge), Alison Hullah (Aylesbury High School). Shona Jacobsberg (Hills Rd Sixth Form C. Cambridge). Halima-Noor Khan (Haberdash ers' Aske's, Elstreel, Claire Lewis (Ursuline Conv High School, Brengwood). James Norman

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School, High Wycombe). To a Meyricke Scholarship: Siwan Davies (Ysgol y Preseli, Crymych, Dyfed).

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Scholarship: Rhys ap Gwilym (Westminster S, London). To Graduate Scholarships: Julian. Addison, BA, Jerome Bhat, BA, Nicholas Gardner, BA, Glen O'Hara, BA, Einir Price, BA. To the Old Members' Graduate

Scholarship: Peter Chew, MSt (School for Slavonic and East European Studies).

To the Overseas Graduate Scholarship: Christina Bordea (University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Gr. T. Popa" Iasi). To the Jesus College Graduate Scholarship: Steven Casey. To Meyricke Graduate Scholar-ships: Gordon Campbell (St Da-vids Univ C), Manon Phillips

(Univ of Wales, Bangor). To a Meyricke Exhibition: Johanna Waters (Gorseinon (1) Swansea). To Old Members' Exhibitions: Icuan Adams (Afan C. Port Tal-

bot). Rebecca Murphy (Hills Rd Sixth Form C. Cambridge), Mae-Jean Poh (Hwa Chong Jun College, Singapore). To a Kolkhorst Exhibition in Spanish: Alistair Phelps (Downside S, Bath).

To Open Exhibitions: Stephen

Conway (St Mary's Sixth Form C.

Middlesbrough), Rebecca Dalton (Talbot Heath S, Bournemouth), ennifer Downes (Perse S, Cambridge). Christopher Evans (Monkton Combe S, Bath), Gareth Jones (K Edward VI HS, Lichfield), Jane Labous (Anglo-European S, Ingatestone), Owain Morgan (Lancaster RGS), Thomas Mason (Bingley GS, West Yorkshire). Andrew McKnight (St Olave's GS, Kenti, Claire Poulter (Perse S. Cambridge), Ellen Saunders (Millfield S), James Smith (Dr Challoner's GS. Bucks), Andrew Ward (St Bede's C. Manchester), Nathanael Wei (Sir Frank Mark-

ham Comm S, Milton Keynes). Oueen's University, Belfas Elections to Senate

Professor Norma Dawson, Dean of the Faculty of Law, and Professor Robert Stout, Provost of the College of Health Sciences and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, have been elected by the Academic Council to the Senate.

THE BEVERIDGE REPORT

Comprehensive Scheme of Social Insurance

The first task of the Committee, as stated in Part I, has been to attempt for the first time a comprehensive survey of the whole field of social insurance and allied services, to show just what provision is now made and how it is made, for many different forms of need. The picture presented is impressive in two ways.

First, it shows that provision for most varieties of need through interruption of earnings and other causes has already been made in Britain on a scale not surpassed and hardly rivalled in any other country of the world. In one respect only of the first impor-tance namely, limitation of medical service, both in the range of treatment which is provided out of right and in respect of the classes of persons for whom it is provided, does Britain's achievements fall seriously short of what has been accomplished elsewhere.

Second, social insurance and the allied services as they exist today are conducted by a complex of disconnected administrative organs, proceeding on different principles, doing invaluable service but at a cost in money and trouble and anomalous treatment of identical problems for which there is no justification . . .

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The report by Sir William (later Lord) Beveridge (1879-1963) with its goal to defeat "Want. Disease, Ignorance, Squalor and Idleness" is the foundation of the welfare state the called it the "social service state"). It was a best-seller: 635,000 copies were sold.

Thus, limitation of compulsory insurance to persons under contract of service and below a certain remuneration if engaged on nonmanual work is a serious gap . . . There is no real difference between the income needs of persons who are sick and those who are memployed, but they get different rates of benefit, involving different contribution con-ditions and with meaningless distinctions

between persons of different ages. There are three different means tests for non-contributory pensions, for supplementary pensions, and for public assistance, with a fourth test — for unemployment assistance — differing from that for supplementary pensions. It is not open to question that, by closer co-ordination, the existing social services could be made at once more beneficial and more mtelligible to those whom they serve and more economical in their administration.

Three guiding principles of recommendations are laid down. The first is that any proposals for the future, while they should use to the full the experience gathered in the past, should not be restricted by consideration of sectional interests ... The second principle is that organisation of social insurance should be treated as one part only of a comprehensive policy of social progress. Social insurance fully developed may provide income security: it is an attack upon want. But want is one only of five giants on the road to reconstruction and in some ways the easiest to attack. The others are

disease, ignorance, squalor, and idleness. The third principle is that social security must be achieved by cooperation hetween the State and the individual. The State should offer security for service and contribution. The State in organising security should not stille incentive, opportunity, responsibility; in establishing a national minimum it should leave room and encouragement for voluntary action by each individual to provide more than that minimum for himself and his family . . .

THE TIMES TODAY

Children win in Labour lottery

Talented youngsters will receive special funds to assist their development and turn them into the "Nobel Prize winners of the future" under radical plans by the Labour Party to be unveiled today for reshaping the National Lottery.

A Labour government would set up a new "stream" of lottery money with the funds dedicated to children and young people

Meningitis kills two students

■ Hundreds of students were given emergency vaccinations against meningitis after an outbreak of the disease claimed a second life. A 19 year-old pharmacy student from the University of Wales in Cardiff died 27 hours after being taken ill. She lived in University Hall, close to a first-year law student, also 19, who died on Thursday _____Page 1

Tax rumpus

An admission by William Waldegrave, the Treasury Chief Secretary, that the average family was paying about £50 a year more in direct taxes than in 1992 has undermined the Tory claim to be a tax-cutting party, Labour .. Pages L 2

Artistic legacy

Sir Denis Mahon, one of the country's foremost art history scholars, is to bequeath arguably the world's finest collection of 17th Century Italian baroque paintings to the nation. But the works will be withdrawn if the Government fails to meet his tough criteria on funding museums and galleries Page 1

Police reprimanded

Two police officers who declined to shoot a man brandishing a gun in the street have been reprimanded. ...Page 3

School fears

Local authority leaders urged ministers to legislate to prevent parents from suing schools if two former pupils win damages for negligence against schools which inspectors said had failed Page 4 Chunnel evacuation

Eurotunnel staged a full-scale mock evacuation of a crowded Eurostar passenger train deep in the Channel Tunnel in an attempt to convince safety authorities that it can be reopened to scheduled Page 5 Okinawa.

Christian millennium

Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, has bowed to pressure from the Prince of Wales and Archbishop of Canterbury and agreed that the millennium should be an essentially Christian

Bad drivers

The average British motorist is careless, aggressive and makes about 50 serious blunders each week, according to a survey of driving habits....Page 9

Belgrade warning

Serbia's Interior Ministry said it would no longer tolerate "any element of violence" as up to 100,000 demonstrators demanding the resignation of President Milosevic took to the streets of Page 10

Costty strike

France's road system slowly returned to life as the country began to assess the economic damage caused by the 12-day lorry drivers' strike.

Bangui curfew President Patasse of the Central

African Republic imposed a curfew on the capital, Bangui, as fighting between mutinous army units and French-backed government troops escalated Page 12

Okinawa cutbacks

The United States is sharply cutting back its military presence in Page 13

Eve tooth to restore sight

A blind man has had a tooth transplanted into his cheek to help to restore his sight. The second stage of the operation will move the tooth into his eye and drill a hole in its centre to support a plastic "window" to replace a damaged cornea. Bhimji Varsani, 61, from north London, underwent the first stage at Sussex Eye Hospital, Brighton.....



Graham Restarick, a Lake District Seasonal Ranger, on Helvellyn yesterday during his daily climb to check weather conditions'

Mortgages rise: Abbey National will raise its mortgage rate to new borrowers by a quarter point this morning, having decided there was no longer any point in waiting after the Budget...

Primary colours: Business people regard Tory blue as the colour most associated with professionalism, trustworthiness and efficiency, according to a promotional survey. Most associated John Major with grey. Michael Heseltine rated .. Page 48

Opportunity knocks: Companies participating in John Major's opportunity 2000 initiative to encourage better use of women in top management now have three times as many in top executive posts as other organisations...... Page 48

Circus of the imagination: Jean

Baptiste Thierrée and Victoria Chaplin completely redefine the meaning of the word circus in their brilliant new show at the Mermaid Theatre in London ...

High notes: English National Opera revives Bizet's early opera The Pearl Fishers, with a strong cast who make the most of the great tunes ... Page 18

Here's to Auntie: The BBC may be a national punchbag, and it sometimes deserves a thump or two. But, writes Melvyn Bragg, it is also a national asset...

New role: Larry Lamb talks about being the unlikely star of Nine, the Fellini musical that comes to London more than a decade after winning the Tony Award.. Page 19

Total control: Barbra Streisand on why she directed her new film and how she always checks out a new man with his mother Page 15 Cursed city: In the drug-blighted city of Svetlogorsk, one in 20 of the population is expected to die of

Beating the bugs: After the meningitis and food poisoning tragedies in Wales and Scotland, Anjana Ahuja explains how such outbreaks are controlled Page 14

Charter Marks: The awards mark the only occasion when the quality of public services is acknowledged nationally Pages 39-41

IN THE TIMES

MAN OF ART Howard Hodgkin is recognised around the world, but the story is different at home

TYING THE KNOT Why the General Synod is abolishing the reading of the banns

Football: Ian Rush ended his goal drought, scoring his first for Leeds: United on his sixteenth appearance, putting the scal on a Premiership victory over Chelsea: Page 25 Football: Rangers beat Aberdeen 3-0 to take a five-point lead at the top of the Bell's Scottish Premier table, in pursuit of their ninth successive title Page 31 Rugby Union: Australia resisted a spirited fightback by Wales at Cardiff Arms Park in give David Campese a winning 20:19 send off in the wing's final international

...... Page 33 match. Cricket-Apart from century maker Alec Stewart, the England tourteam looked woefully out of touch as they lost by five wickets to a Zimbabwe President's XI Page 27 Snooker: Stephen Hendry led John Higgins 5-4 at the end of the first session of the United Kingdom Championship final Page 26 Golf. Colin Montgomerie won the Million Dollar Challenge in Sun City, South Africa, beating Ernie Els in a play-off _____ Page 26 Racing. BBC racing coverage is under attack for its attitude towards sponsors and the outdated style of commentators Page 37

The winning numbers 26, 42, 4:25. 5, 49 Bonus 48 Fines pee shared the £9,641,466 jackpot, each receiving £3,213,822. Sixteen people also won £185,412 each.

Preview: Beaverbrook was a philanderer who worried that he might not go to heaven. Secret Lives: Lord Beaverbrook (Channel 4, 9pm). Review: Peter Barnard on the ups and downs of Saturday

Labour and Ulster

Tony Blair needs to associate himself directly with the affairs of Northern Ireland, and make clear where he stands. As part of that process, personnel issues need to be considered _ Page 21

Day of Aids

Aids still exacts a huge cost on emotions and resources. Awareness and responsibility are still the most effective weapons against this scourge Page 21

Nick's Knack

Most people outside West London will surely be wondering whether Sir Nicholas Scott really can be the best that the safest Conservative seat in the country can offer Page 21

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Cyberspace is an impregnable tax haven. Global electronic transactions will multiply and become harder and harder to identify. Habits of tax payment formed in the period when transactions could be identified will weaken. The tax take is likely to fall in most countries

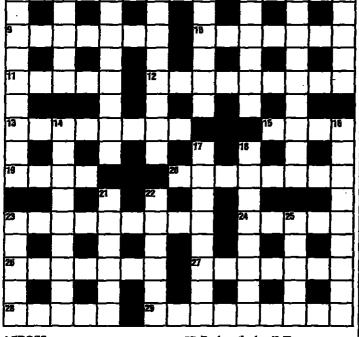
PETER RIDDELL

Labour policy has been seriously contradictory in proposing no overall rise in public spending while opposing many of the Tory measures to contain expenditure. Last week, Labour spokesmen were again denouncing cuts in a wide range of programmes, from the London Underground to singleparent premiums, without saying whether their party could or would, reverse them Page 20

Tiny Tim, American singer: Ithier de Roquemarel, French publisher. Margaret Pollard, Sanskrit scholar and Cornish bard; John MacDongall, former chairman of the Kennel Club ...

Criticism of Police Bill; museum charges; aspirin and paracetamol; Solzhenitsyn "too harsh" on modern Russia Page 21

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- **ACROSS** I Blockades firm military leader
- gets by (9). 6 Sort of shirt worn casually with uniform for the occasion (5). 9 Run most unsatisfactorily - rem
- edy sought (7). 10 Man races, pounding after a
- junior official (7). Il Live, captured by top newsmar with listening equipment (5).
- 12 Base showing good sense containing a fire outbreak (9). 13 Press for a reduction? (8). 15 Member making mark in party
- once (4). 19 Disgusting row (4). 20 The way a guide is found for the newcomer (8).
- 23 Property charge (9). 24 Policeman's decoration to worn round neck (5).
- Gamble both inside and outside the joint (7).

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Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20.339 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

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- 17 Taking up sweets, put weight on, perhaps (8).
- 18 One vehicle or another I put in wrong gear (8). 21 Relish a difficult situation (6). 22 Vessel like a clipper, but smaller?
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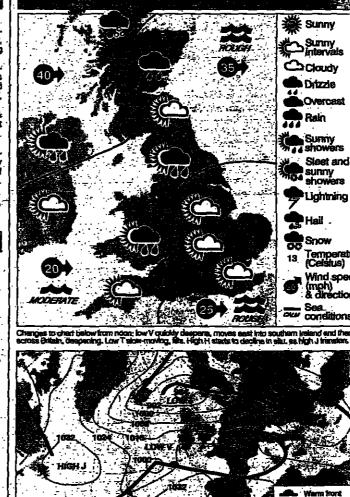
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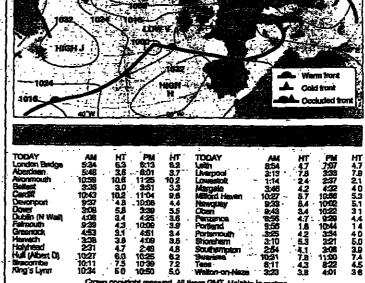
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CHELSEA BROUGHT CRASHING TO EARTH AT ELLAND ROAD

Leeds thrive on kick and Rush

Leeds United .. Chelsea .

By ROB HUGHES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE FA Carling Premiership is in danger of serious regression into malice if the match at Elland Road between Leeds United and Chelsea yesterday is allowed to become any kind of benchmark for appalling foul play and refereeing that is an abdication of the rule book, as Fifa has lately redefined it. The game itself, as ferocious at times as the swirling Yorkshire gale, produced early goals for Brian Deane and, at long last, for Jan Rush.

Thereafter, so dishevelled were Chelsea at the back that it could have been a humiliation; it could also, perversely, have been all square after a second-half rally during which Chelses were denied a blatant penalty and one of their substitutes, Frank Sinclair, almost broke the crossbar in two with a header from six yards.

The result suggests that Leeds, as motivated as this, are in the wrong half of the table and will rise fast. It also suggests that, for all their fine and expensive stylists, Chelsea do not possess the calibre of potential

Yet all considerations are secondary compared to the unsavoury aspects of players, first in Leeds white and then in Chelsea blue, kicking one another from behind with utter disregard for the limbs of

Yorke spot-on . Arsenal united Regal Rangers

fellow professionals. If referees are not competent to prevent such thuggery, then it is time the Professional Footballers Association called their own members

They could begin with the video evidence of the horrendous use of the studs in the 73rd minute by Deane that left a four-inch gap requiring six stitches in the unprotected flesh above the ankle of Hughes in the 73rd minute. Hughes, never the angel, had only moments earlier perpetrated a cynical foul from behind on Beesley. The stretcher for Hughes was an unwelcome sight, the fact that Deane, once more, with a twofooted tackle from behind on Clarke, and even Ruud Gullit, Chelsea's player-coach, and the supposedly elegant Frenchman, Frank Leboeuf, were also foul players going through opponents from the back, tells you how high

the blood was running.
The shame of all this is that it runs completely contrary to the efforts to make the stadiums and those who sit in them more civilised. Time was when the threat to life and limb of a Leeds v Chelsea affair came from the hard core of their indisciplined following.

Alas, the perceived amnesty that our referees have embarked upon, lowering the tone of their early season authority, is bringing disrepute on the field. The kicking at Eliand Road came after a tackle by Chris Morris, of Middlesbrough, against Keith Gillespie, of Newcastle United, on Wednesday that was X-rated by any account other than the feeble refereeing retribution of a yellow card.

"I want my teams to be commit-ted, to win the ball back as early as possible, and be a forward-looking team. That's a style that has served me well at Millwall and Arsenal. and I am sure it will serve us well at Leeds United. I'm in the game to win." Thus did George Graham, the Leeds manager, spell it out in the match programme. To carry out this policy, Leeds put Radebe on Zola as a man-marker. Ironically, the little Italian may have been the one player who came off

without the marks and the bruises

of this alien contest. Initially, Deane and Rush were able to cut through what posed as a Chelsea defence almost at will. Their goals came little more than a minute apart. In the eighth minute, Beesley produced an early through ball into the penalty box that just beat the offside trap. Deane eluded the on-rushing goalkeeper, Frode Grodas, and from an acute angle, scored with his left foot. Wise had lain prostrate on the ground, the victim of a Rush tackle, unseen, as the move for the goal built up.

And then something that has taken from May to December to arrive - an Ian Rush goal. Kelly crossed from the right, Sharpe found space behind Petrescu and, amid some Chelsea confusion. Rush was swift, brave and predatory from seven yards. The scorer of 346 goals for Liverpool, he had required 16 games to break his duck for Leeds.

Leeds, particularly Deane, should have had more goals. in the nineteenth minute, Grodas came out and threw himself at Deane's feet to save, and Rush headed the rebound wide. Four minutes later Grodas again deflected an effort by Deane and was hit on the body by the rebound attempt from Rush

who had the goal at his mercy. Beesley and Carlton Palmer were giving Leeds the defensive stability and the order that Chelsea lacked and early in the second half Rush, with the goalkeeper backpedalling in front of him, lofted a measured chip that Grodas tipped over.

Gradually, from their reshaped midfield, where Gullit and Newton replaced Wise and Di Matteo at half-time, Chelsea established the and star qualities demanded. But, amid the continuing malice, which included a kick by Vialli into the calf of Rush that went completely unpunished, Cheisea's pressure Palmer took Clarke's ankle; the referee took no heed of the penalty claim. Much later, from one of Zola's teasing, inswinging corners, Sinclair struck the crossbar and, almost as time ran out, Palmer

denied Vialli a chance, before

Gullit, with a free header, pro-

pelled the ball straight at Martyn. It was all over bar the talking.

Gullit pondered whether what happened to Hughes was a legacy of the striker's past. Rush, so often a colleague of Hughes on internacarned very little. Leboeuf came tional duty was also asked about forward and slid the ball to Clarke; the foul play. "It was within the spirit of the game," he said.

The spirit was malign.

The spirit was malign.

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Wise, of Chelsea, is sent tumbling by a tackle by Radebe, the Leeds defender, during the bruising encounter at Elland Road yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland kind of grip that there experience



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Hendry is unable to break spirit of rival

By PHIL YATES

THE intimidatory force of century breaks in consecutive frames was not sufficient for Stephen Hendry to shake off John Higgins in the first session of the United King-dom championship final, played to the best of 19 frames,

at Preston yesterday. Hendry, attempting to retain top spot in the provisional world rankings, entered the concluding phase of the game's second most important event holding a precarious 5-4 advantage. That scoreline represented something of an escape by Higgins, who trailed 5-2 at one stage.

It was hardly surprising that these fellow Scots, who three weeks ago joined forces with Alan McManus to capture the World Cup in Thailand, displayed unchar-acteristic signs of nervousuess during the initial exchanges.

Higgins. chasing his sixth leading title during a two-year span in which he has emerged as the leading challenger to Hendry, was expected to settle down after a decisive 69 break in the opening frame.

Yet he missed two routine reds in losing the second frame and, occupying prime scoring position in the third, he jawed a straightforward red to a middle pocket that

SCORES ···

allowed Hendry to the table

for a run of 74. Higgins levelled by accounting for the fourth frame with a contribution of 64 but, after taking a disjointed fifth, Hendry carried his total of century breaks in the championship to six and his career aggregate to 358 with back-to-

back efforts of 102 and 115. have crumbled in the face of such an onslaught but Hig-gins stood firm. He fashioned a 36 clearance in the eighth and, with confidence restored, put together breaks of 47 and 46 to dominate the closing frame of a tense afternoon.

Hendry has prevailed on three of their previous four meetings with Higgins's soli-tary success being a 5-4 victory in the first round of the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge II months ago after he had trailed 4-1.

When Hendry describes a particular performance as one of his best, by definition it must be special. On the way to drubbing McManus 9-1 in the semi-finals on Saturday, he mixed a powerful cocktail of unerring potting accuracy with miserly safety. Though Hendry did not

compile a century against McManus, there was a ruthless exploitation of virtually every chance afforded to him. As a result, Hendry registered by far his most one-sided win tionally gives him plenty to

BBC's England team fail to make a mark

age, my England ritual has changed since boyhood. Lucky hat on, several trembling trips to the toilet, legs crossed, fingers crossed, half-time digestives and come on David Duckham, score, please score. If the Blond Express did and England triumphed, it only took the Grandstand teleprinter to tap out a Coventry City victory to show that all in the world was

All three occurred together enough times for the lucky hat to retain its charm. Usually, though, it was tossed down and everyone was blamed from the stupid centre for not giving Duckham a pass, to Bill McLaren for his fawning over the cursed, match-winning Gareth Edwards or Andy Irvine for his last-gasp penalty goal. And then there was

THOMAS ENQVIST, the player destined to lead Swe-

den's tennis future in succes-

sion to Bjorn Borg, Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg.

came off the ropes in the

fourth match of the Davis Cup

final against France yesterday to pull Sweden level at two

matches each. Ranked No 9 in the world, Enqvist had been

expected to overpower Cedric

Pioline, ranked 12 places be-

low him, but was initially

overwhelmed by the size of his

Pioline swept through the first two sets 6-3, 7-6, Enqvist

groping around to find his rhythm. Recovering, he claw-

ed his way back into conten-

tion, finally winning 3-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, 9-7 after 212

hours. The injured Stefan

Edberg, who had fallen in the

opening match of the final

against Pioline, was replaced for the decisive singles, against Arnaud Boetsch, by

Nicklas Kulti, ranked No 65.

Cup can freeze a player's

mind. For the first two sets of

his match against Pioline, Enqvist might have been play-ing at the North Pole. Seldom

did the hall come off the centre

of his racket. With victory

doubles loss by Biorkman and

Kulti against Forget and

Raoux on Saturday, Enquist's

muscles were strung even

"Too-mas, Too-mas". Opposite him. Pioline was steadi-

ness itself, concentrating on

keeping the ball in court,

varying the line of his decep-

tive backhand and comfort-

ably awaiting the frequent delivery of his opponent's

unforced errors. Enqvist, who

in recent weeks had confident-

ly climbed the rankings, twice

double-faulted in his first ser-

Vainly did the crowd chant

tighter than his racket.

imperative, after the

The anxieties of the Davis

responsibility.

Coventry's colander defence no change there from the

The venerable David Coleman, in his regulation porkpie hat, has given way to the hatless and vulnerable Steve Rider, whose pre-match battle on Saturday against the Twickenham loudspeaker sent him indoors and recalled problems of the first live television commentary from there in 1938. During the match, Teddy Wakelam was asked by the engineers: "Please do something about asked the sun." His reply was: "Ask the director general to have the danmed thing put out."

Of course, technology has done away with the chaos. That is why, when the first and second cameras missed the New Zealand Barbarians first try completely, a third panned to the rescue. You could almost

TENNIS

Enqvist rallies to

force decider

in Davis Cup final

From David Miller in malmo

vice game, and did not win a

rally of note until the first

Pioline, who won the Copen-

hagen title this year and was a

quarter-finalist at the French

open, is not an athletic player.

With his shuffling gait, and what seemed like a pair of Army tropical-kit white shorts

- much cloth, not much style

he does not cut a dashing

Yet his spirit was never

figure. Touch is all. For two

sets. Enqvist was devoid of

submerged. However deep the crisis, he continued to go for

his shots. He did not stretch

Pioline to deuce on service

until the second game of the

second set, and did not hit one

of his own thumping, two-

fisted backhand passes until

leading 4-3 in the second set.

In the next game, he missed

two break points for 5-3, and

though leading 4-2 in the tie

break, he stuttered miserably.

missing set point at 7-6 when

putting an open-court fore-

Pioline appeared destined to

secure the trophy. Yet now, at

last, Enqvist's game began to come together, though not

without more missed heart-

beats. Leading 2-0 in the third

set, he squandered four break

points for 3-0, but held on to

the earlier service break to

If Enqvist had frozen,

Pioline now began to melt,

trailing 4-0 in the fourth set,

then havling himself to 4-4.

reach two sets to one.

hand into the net.

DETAILS

game of the second set.

CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

TV ACTION REPLAY

hear the production team's sighs above Nigel Starmer-Smith's breathless chatter. It was not until an overhead shot unearthed 15 minutes later, that we learnt that the score should never have been allowed.

Pictures can, and often do. say a thousand words. You could see the distress that Mike Catt was in at No 10 for England, groan at every tackle that Tim Rodber missed, wince at Andy Gomarsall's hapless floundering, but these were trifles not deemed worthy of mention by Rider and

Enquist broke a third time in the set to lead 5-4 with a

forehand pass that wrong-

footed his opponent, and in

spite of a tactical locker-room

visit by Pioline, served out for

Enqvist has the definitive unflappable Swedish tem-perament Even when sliding

2-0 down in the final set,

losing his service to love, he

continued at the change of

ends to wear that half-smile

when sitting in his chair. He

missed a break point, allowing

Pioline to lead 4-1, and at 5-3 Pioline served for the Cup.

15-40. On the next point, Pioline served deep to Enqvist's backhand. With a

desperate lunge, Enqvist scooped the ball back into

court, kept the rally going, and reached 5-4 down on Pioline's

overhit backhand. Four big services levelled the match at

The next four games went with service. Leading 40-30 at

7-7. Pioline left a dipping

Enqvist, which he had covered. It fell in. Deuce. The

strain was telling. His fore-hand error and double-fault

Now, at 15-15. Proline hit a

towering defensive lob that

was narrowly called out. His

nerve splintering, Pioline was

warned for knocking over a

sideline judge's chair, vacant

at the time. Extending the

agonising suspense for his supporters. Enqvist proceeded

to double-fault twice to go

40-30 down. He saved himself

with a forehand drive: deuce.

Pioline, the older by five

years, was spent. Enqvist

reached match point when

ending the next rally with a

forehand drive, and Pioline

returned the next first service

beyond the baseline.

cross-court forehand

gave Enqvist 8-7.

Now it was his turn to falter:

two sets all.

Co. They collectively rejoiced in the so-called "positives". rather than discuss the fact missed altogether - that in losing 34-19, England had

conceded more points than in

any match at Twickenham. It was ironic that a game celebrating 125 years of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) deleted from the records England's previous heaviest points concession at Twickenham - a 28-11 loss to a President's XV, on the RFU's hundredth birthday. Maybe the guests did not wish to poop the party on Saturday. Brian

Moore was alongside Rider for some biting comment. presumably. The pit bull had rubber teeth. Eventually, he conceded that the touch-kicking was poor. He might have mentioned England's lack of tackling. No one did.

For all that these were All Black wolves in Baa-Baa's clothing, it was the end of a long season. Their genius was crammed into the second half, but it required someone to put the grand theatre in context. Nick Fart-Jones did an admirable job in summarising the five nations' championship critically and incisively last season. It needs strong, independent opinion, not apol-

Now that rugby league has given up the worst winter months and dumped the Regal Trophy, in spite of BBC pressure not to, it is open season

Rider is in residence at Twickenham for a month. It is Grandstand's meany filling between stale bread. More honest objectivity would serve the sport and the BBC better.

Rugby Special has its critics and goodness knows John Inverdale's wardrobe deserves the flack, but sometimes it has guests who mouth more than platitudes. The quote of the weekend was from Jen Sleightholme on seeing his try: "Just enough space for the fait boy to get in." That was because Jonah Lomu was not where he should have been. Taking Sleightholme for Duckham, his try filled one part of my triple whammy, which was let down by En-gland's defeat and the dread teleprinter confirmation -Derby County 2 Coventry

of the Devils while Sheffield Steelers, 4-1 winners over Nottingham Panthers, are only four points behind the eaders with four games in hand. Bracknell Bees remain rooted to the bottom of the table and their 8-5 defeat at the hands of Basingstoke Bison was their eleventh of

Goalkeeper

spoils

birthday

party

THE Cardiff Devils ice hock-

ey team celebrated their tenth

birthday on Saturday, but Ayr

Scottish Eagles spoilt the par-

ty, winning 3-1 thanks to a well-organised defence and a

superlative display in goal by Sven Rampl. For the Devils.

unbeaten away, this was their

fifth home defeat but they

still retained their place at

the top of the Superleague

42 win over Manchester

Storm, drew within one point

Newcastle Cobras, with a

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Senior triumphs Golf: Peter Senior, of Austra-lia, withstood a charge by the world No i, Greg Norman, to win Greg Norman Classic at the Royal Melbourne course yesterday. In driving rain and wind, Senior fired a final round of 70, two under par. to finish one stroke ahead of Norman, who had a closing 69. Norman briefly shared the lead after he sunk a long putt for an eagle on the par-five 14th, but Senior then birdied the hole to move the decisive one shot clear. Senior, with earlier rounds of 69, 73 and 69, thus gained his second win of the year on the Austral-

Title retained

Cycling: Roger Hammond retained his London Open cyclocross championship title yesterday with a repeat victory over Barrie Clarke, the 1995 runner-up. Yesterday the gap separating the two at the finish of the 24km event at Addington Hills. Croydon Addington Hills, Croydon. was increased from 45 sec-onds to 50 after Hammond put in a powerful opening 3km lap to take a 30-second lead, which he never lost.

Queen of speed

Skiing: Katja Seizinger, of Germany, won the year's first women's downhill at lake Louise, Alberta. Seizinger skied the Lake Louise course in lmin 41.9isec, more than half a second faster than Carole Montillet, of France. who had a time of 1:4251 Pernilla Wiberg, of Sweden. was third in 1:42.64 while the downhill specialist. Picabo Street, of the United States, was another four hundredths

Fencing: Quentin Barriman and Georgina Usher won the men's and women's titles in

Pioline, who surrendered a two-set lead, feels the strain during his match against Enqvist

Call-up gives Henman big payday

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IIM HENMAN has been given a place in the main draw for the Grand Slam Cup, which starts in Munich tomorrow. The £3.6 million event promises to provide Henman with his biggest payday to date and even if he falls at the first hurdle - he will play Michael Stich in the first round - he is guaranteed £60,000.

The invitation has come as a surprise to Henman. The qualifiers for the richest tournament in the world are the top 16 players at the four grand-slam events throughout the year. Thanks to Henman's

elforts at Wimbledon, where he reached the quarter-finals. and the US Open, where he reached the last 16, he had initially gained a place as reserve. That alone would have earned him £30,000 just for turning up in Munich ready to play. But with Thomas Enquist first in line to fill any vacancies, he had to rely on two players

dropping out. He gained his place among the elite yesterday when Pete Sampras, Michael Chang and Todd Martin all withdrew. "It's a surprise, but it's great," Henman said. "I haven't even practised since the nationals last month." Henman, ranked No 29 in the world, has already earned more than £325,000 this year, and had planned to rest after bearing Greg. Rusedski in Telford two weeks ago to win the British national title for the second successive year.

Not that he is too upset about the Munich windfall and an extra week's work. "It's a bonus on top of everything else," he said. "I've got nothing to lose. I'm just going to go out and have fun. If I win, that's great but if I don't, it doesn't Dual winners

the British epèc champion-ships at Hendon Police College. Barriman defeated Steven Paul 15-7 in the final Catchpole 15-10.

HOCKEY

Southgate weather late storm

By Sydney Friskin and Alix Ramsay

SOUTHGATE qualified for the fifth round of the Hockey Association Cup with a 4-3 win at home against East Grinstead yesterday, the visi-tors closing the gap during a thrilling closing period after

The pattern of this exciting match was set in the fifth

minute with a goal for East Grinstead by Gibson, but once Southgate settled down they forced numerous short cor-ners, four of which were converted by Woods (2), Duthie and Waugh, East Grinstead's late goals came from Laird and Boyse.

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the remaining fourth-round matches, although an altercation in Hounslow's 3-1 win over Indian Cymhkana led to the temporary suspension of three players - Kirkland, of Hounslow, and Virdi and Michael of Gymkhana. Jennings converted four short corners for Guildford in a 4-l victory over Cambridge City. Three non-league clubs, High Wycombe, Hampstead and Westminster and Chelmsford

> After the matches in the National League on Saturday, Cannock and Southgate share the leadership of the premier division, although Cannock's goal difference is superior. Crutchley inspired their 4-2 away win against East Grinstead with a goal in the first minute.

> Slough and Ipswich go into the hibernation period still locked together at the top of the women's National League.
> On Saturday, Slough put
> three goals past Leicester.
> Mandy Nicholls scoring twice. while Ipswich did the same to Sutton Coldfield.

While Ipswich had a day off yesterday in the AEWHA Cup, Slough made their way into the fourth round, Nicholks scoring a hat-trick in the 10-Owin over North Staffs.

Hightown travelled back happily after the long haul to Horsham, where they ran out GOLF

Montgomerie makes amends in play-off

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

COLIN MONTGOMERIE, the European No I, who had lost all four of the suddendeath play-offs that he had contested, overcame his jinx to win the Million Dollar Challenge in Sun City, South Africa, yesterday.

A birdie at the par-four 18th

enabled Montgomerie to beat Ernie Els, who had been cheered on by the home galleries, at the third extra hole after they had finished level on 14 under par after four rounds. The powerful Scor's second shot kicked off a bank and finished five feet from the hole.

By sinking the putt, Montgomerie gained some measure of revenge for the victory that Els scored over him in a three-way play-off at

the 1994 US Open.

The play-off crowned a thrilling final day that saw Els record birdies at the last two holes for a final round of 66. while Montgomerie finished with a four-under-par 68. They were one shot ahead of Nick Price, of Zimbabwe, and Steve Jones, the US Open champion. All 12 players in the event finished below par. lan Woosnam, of Wales, the joint overnight leader, slipped back to fifth place

with a 73, after dropping four

shots in the first nine holes, while Nick Faldo, of England. the Masters champion, was in a three-way tie for ninth place

Montgomerie admitted that fortune favoured his brave approach to the third play-off hole. "I was a little bit fortunate." he said. "I birdied a few holes early on, which helped. I saw others like lan Woosnam having problems, and that gave me confidence. "But I knew the main danger was Ernie Els. I am delighted to finally get one over him. Though he still leads me 2-1, today makes it a

little sweeter. Montgomerie said that his plan had been to attack when necessary, but to avoid errors "I just concentrated on getting up and down and let others make mistakes." he said. "That ploy gave me birdie chances and I finally got one at the 21st. I saw what happened to Ernie, who hit it to the left, used an eight-iron rayself, and the shot worked

Els had set up the play-off with his 66, six-under-par and the round of the day. Montgomerie and Jones had battled over the final five holes, with the lead changing hands twice as Jones dropped shots on the 16th and 17th, and then missed a ten-foot putt on

Cape brings unspoken fears

SAILING

I WAS hoping that this would be a "first round the Horn" report from Concert. Unfortunately, we are not yet round although we may be by the time you read this - nor are we any longer first in the BT Global Challenge fleet, a temporary status I am sure.

We are just out of the Roaring Forties and into the Furious Fifties, at latitudes of 40 and 50 degrees south respectively. Our progress from Rio de Janeiro has been erratic, to say the least. We seem to have had far more light winds than it is reasonable to expect in the "notorious South Atlantic", and the Roaring Forties barely moaned.

A week ago, we experienced our first high winds of the leg, the first of many I am sure. and a small taste of what is in store. The drysuits that we tested in the hotel swimming pool in Rio came into their OWN as waves regularly crashed over the deck.

Our feet were frequently removed from underneath us by the force of the water. Without needing any encouragement, everyone was meticulously clipped on and did not go far. The biggest difference between this experience and the ones to come was the pleasantly warm feeling of the water. The thought of the waves being 20°C colder is

sobering indeed.

Lucy Duncan on hot

chocolate and cold

comforts as she heads south for Cape Horn

to icy green. At one point, the water temperature dropped by 10C in just 24 hours. We are now accompanied by beautiful gliding albatrosses. The shorts and T-shirts have been well

The albatrosses can be a bit

and truly packed away.

THE Challenge fleet lost its second crew member in a week when Rhian Jenkins was airlifted from Global Teamwork to the Falkland Islands on Saturday. She is thought to have a duodenal ulcer and will be flown back to Britain. The leading yachts are expected to round

Cape Horn today.

of a problem; they are so difficult to ignore. More than my senses by a sharp instruc-tion to "watch that kite", as the spinnaker I was supposed to be trimming collapsed, unnoticed by me, lost in the contemplation of so elegant a bird. Each watch-change now

sees the new crew come on then missed a ten-foot putt on the last green. With it went his chance to contest the play-off. In the sea, from tropical blue panied by a slightly pittying

glance from Chris Tibbs. our skipper, who has been round Cape Horn twice, and the comment: What are you going to do when it gets cold? It now feels quite like winter at home — not a time most people would choose to go sailing — and it is clearly going to get much colder. Soon I will be wearing virtually all the kit I have with me.

The cooler weather has brought on the great hot chocolate debate. Half the crew was under the impression that hot chocolate, of which we have a finite supply. was to be kept until after the Horn. The other half has been gaily digging into the supplies and half the tin is gone.

Amazingly, the dispute was settled amicably and the chocolate now has a preservation order on it uptil the Cape. Any breach of this could have dire consequences. These things can develop an importance out of all proportion when we are living on top of each other. with the prospect of being cold and wel for a few weeks.

We are now free to turn our thoughts to the Horn and the Southern Ocean, Considering that we discuss - virtually everything, little has been said about people's fears and hopes for the next few weeks. My major problem in describing how I feel is that I still don't know what to expect. All will be revealed soon.

New fast

bowlers

put Test

batsmen

to flight

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

LANCE KLUSENER, of

South Africa, and Moham-

mad Zahid, of Pakistan, both pace bowlers, completed re-

markable Test debuts by

bowling their sides to series-

Klusener took eight for 64 in

the India second innings in

Calcutta, where the home side

were dismissed for 137 and

beaten by 329 runs. Zahid

returned seven for 66 in Ra-

walpindi. where New Zea-

land, who won the first Test in

Lahore, passed 100 with only

one wicket down but collapsed

to 168 all out to lose by an

India, who faced a formida-

ble target of 467, resumed at 59

for four and lost their remain-

ing wickets before lunch.

Klusener, who conceded 75

runs without taking a wicket

in the first innings, caused

havoc as he led the South

Africa attack with Brian Mc-Millan in the absence of Allan Donald, who had a bruised

"It was a great fightback

after losing the first Test," the

South Africa captain, Hansie Cronje, said. "We out-batted

and out-bowled them this

Mohammad Azharuddin,

the former India captain, who

struck the fourth-fastest Test

century in the first innings,

was again the top scorer, with 52 from 55 balls. It was only

the second defeat for India in

the 17 home Tests they have played since 1990, and Sachin

Tendulkar's first as captain. Zahid, 20, who replaced the

injured Wagar Younis, had

match figures of 11 for 130 and

was successful with eight ap-

The Pakistan manager,

Mushtaq Mohammad, rates

him "a yard or two quicker"

than Waqar, usually regarded as the world's fastest bowler.

with the pitch," the New

Zealand captain, Lee Germon.

admitted. Zahid swept all

before him after breaking the

opening partnership of 82

Justin Vaughan, although

Young fought hard to com-

There was nothing wrong

peals for leg-before.

innings and 13 runs.

levelling victories yesterday.

Bowlers struggle in lacklustre start by England

ENGLAND paid the price for the trial separation from the implements of their trade namely bat and ball - when they were easily beaten by a President's XI in a one-day match at Harare Sports Club here yesterday. Several players looked woefally out of touch and showed few signs of having regained their appetite for the game that the enforced rest of the past two months had been designed to instil Alec Stewart, who held the England innings together with a composed 105, was a

rare exception. Cynics might suggest that the defeat - by five wickets with 25 balls to spare - was according to the form book, as Zimbabwe hold a 2-1 lead in three one-day internationals between the teams. This result, however, must rank as more unlikely than those in Albury, in 1992, and Sydney, in 1994, as three of Zimbabwe's leading players — Houghton, Streak and Paul Strang — were missing. What is most alarming is

SCORE ON THE

ENGLAND XI

Extras (lo 9, w 12, no 5) 26

RDB Croft, AR Caddick, PCR Tutnell and AD Mullally did not bet.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-15, 3-24, 4-157, 5-194.

BOWLING: Brandes 10-0-42-3; Rennie 10-1-40-1; GJWhitall 10-1-50-1; Strang 10-0-31-0; A R Whitall 3-0-12-0; G W Rower 4-0-13-0; Evans 3-0-14-0.

PRESIDENT'S XI

K J Davies run out 5 G W Flower c Caddick b Irani 23 D N Erasmus c Thorpe b Croft 67 "A D R Campbell c Thorpe

Total (5 wkts, 45.5 overs) 215

J A Rennie, E O Brandes, B C Strang and A R Whatail did not bet.

Total (5 wkts, 50 overs)

Yesterday

R C Irans not out TR C Russell not out

that many of England's opponents were almost as rusty as themselves, though for very different reasons. Only five members of the President's XI are professional cricketers and some of their amateur colleagues are unable to play regularly because of business.

commitments.

Eddo Brandes, who played
a big part in the win at Albury and took the wickets of Knight, Atherton (second ball to a delivery that stopped on him) and Thorpe in the space of 15 balls yesterday, often needs to attend to his chicken farm. Dannie Erasmus, a talented batsman of 23 who played the innings of the day, a rasping 65, is training to be an accountant and can rarely be lured into playing anything more than weekend club crickct. Craig Evans, who finished the match by smashing Caddick for a huge straight six, is first and foremost a

More predictable, but no less assuring, were the contributions of the professionals.

FAUL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-24, 3-50, 4-126, 5-194.

BCMLNG: Mulisily 10-4-18-0; Caddick 7.5-0-53-1; Irani 6-0-40-1; Croft 10-2-29-2; Tufnell 10-0-59-0; Thorpe 2-0-14-0.

DISTRICTS XI

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-71, 3-90, 4-100, 5-121, 6-162, 7-164, 8-167, 9-197.

BOWLING: Multally 9-1-35-3; Gough 8-1-29-1; Silverwood 9.3-0-48-1; Croft 10-1-34-1; Irani 9-0-46-3.

ENGLAND XI: TA J Stewart, N V Knight, "M A Alterton, G P. Thorpe, N Hussain, J P Crewidy, R C Inent, D Gough, R D B Croft, G E W Silverwood, A D Multally,

tR D Brown c Stewart b Gough

E A Brandes not out ... B C Strang b Mullally . "T D Coughtan not out

Extras (10 6, w 18).....

Umpires; i Robinson and K Barber

Alastair Campbell, the Zimbahwe captain, having realised that Erasmus, with whom he put on 85 for the third wicket. had put his side in the driving seat in pursuit of a target of 212, got his head down to see

that fley stayed there.
Gry Whittall lent him support and when Campbell was out for 45, he took over. finishing unbeaten on 36, to complete a useful weekend's work against the touring side. He top-scored with 58 for Country Districts before a violent thunderstorm led to the abandonment of England's first tour fixture, at Harare South Country Club, on Saturday.

As England will find themselves up against these players again when the internationals start in a formight, any complacency will surely have been dispelled. David Lloyd, the England coach, described the result as "inconvenient but not the end of the world".

That said, England did possess some plausible excuses. The toss was an important actor in the outcome as the square produced its customary life and variable bounce during the first hour of the day, which Brandes capitalised on superbly and probably better than any England seamer bar Mullally, who swung the ball and conceded only 18 runs in ten overs, would have done had they bowled first. Gough was not playing, having bowled well in the first match.

With England 24 for three in the eleventh over, Stewart and Hussain, who played confidently for 50, had no choice but to rebuild the innings with care, but their partnership of 133 in 33 overs left little scope for a strong assault towards the end of the innings. In a way, they opted for a worth-while workout rather than take too many risks.

Also, the match yesterday was played in sweltering heat and Caddick, a necessary inclusion but a week behind in his preparations after his viral infection, clearly showed



the strain. He delivered nine wides and his 7.5 overs yielded 53 runs. A gentle net might have served him better.

Croft again bowled effect-ively in his one-day style and kept cool under Erasmus's fire, but there was not much to recommend the rest of the bowling. Tufnell never found his rhythm, and with Erasmus twice picking him up for two legside sixes and driving him straight for another, he limped out of the attack after

bowling four overs for 38, though not before the England fielders had orchestrated a couple of implausible appeals. Tufnell returned later to bowl with more control but by then

the pressure was off. Irani bowled too short for the second day in a row and was duly punished for it. With so little in the pitches to help him, it is imperative that he bowls an accurate line and length. He claimed four wickets over the weekend but two

of them came from rank bad balls. Silverwood was scarcely more impressive in his first match for England on Saturday, when he was clearly nervous and over-anxious to

do well. If there were extenuating circumstances to the defeat yesterday, several areas of concern have emerged for England to wrestle with. "This was a difficult game for us but

McGrath displays welcome return to best form

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN CANBERRA

ANTHONY McGRATH had scored just % runs in his six previous innings on the England A tour of Australia, but there was no sign of such indifferent form as his superb century put the visitors in control against ACT on the second day of the match in Canberra yesterday.
Having dismissed ACT for

216, with Peter Such claiming the final two wickets after they resumed on 212 for eight, McGrath's 108 helped England A establish a 79-run lead with five wickets standing on an inconsistent pitch.

McGrath hit 12 boundaries in an innings that lasted nearly four hours, and conquered not only the limited ACT attack but also a pitch that seemed to deteriorate rapidly. "It's nice to get a few runs under my belt," McGrath said. "I feel as if I have been playing OK but runs have been a bit hard to

Mark Butcher and Michael Vaughan constructed a 61-run opening partnership and Craig White hit a half-century in 68 balls, but it was McGrath who dominated the day, "It was just a matter of application and a lot of concentration," he said.

ACT: First Innings ACT: First Interings
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B J Smith c Chapple b Such
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FALL OF WICKETS 1-81, 2-85, 3-149, 4-289

BOWLING; Smith 19-3-59-2; Thomson 16-5-45-1; McDonaid 14-1-64-1, O'Meagher 20-6-58-0; Mackenzie 15-4-54-1, Gazrity 2-1-9-0. Scoreboards, page 32 Umpres. B Thomion and J Hanniord

plete a half-century.

Unlikely batting heroes put sting in the tail of intriguing match

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEÝ.

IT WAS Australia's first day of gathered broodingly over Sydney as if to defy illumination of this enigmatic second Test. After three slow but gripping days, neither side had claimed

Australia led narrowly on first imnings, only because their tenth-wicket pair was more productive than West Indies'. In two hours before the close yesterday, they were able to extend that advantage by only 77 and at a cost of two good wickets. Both teams are playing as if they cannot contemplate defeat, but, in these conditions, even this begrudging approach offers

The pitch started out damp, would otherwise break up. It has negligible pace and bounce but neither factors are consistent and, as it dries and wears visibly, so it turns increasingly. Come tomorrow, it would not do to be attemptroughly four sessions and ended with a surprisingly accomplished innings from a tailender. Ironically, in each instance the batsman preen-

ing himself on unaccustomed applause has also been his side's most influential bowler. McGrath for Australia and Bishop for the touring team. McGrath has developed

into one of the finest new-ball bowlers in the world. His dismissal of Lara on Saturday evening, going round the wicket to slant the ball in before darting it away off the seam, was pure pedigree; so too, the subtle changes of pace that brought him two wickers in an over yesterday. Bishop has been no less

impressive, a transformation after his pedestrian efforts in Brisbane. Although only the fifth bowler used in the first innings, it was he who stalled Australia's progress. Last evening, after another mistire from the toiling Ambrose, Bishop came to the rescue once more.

McGrath and Bishop are quiet, shy men who have never sought the trappings of fame. Bishop has become a statesman within an often turbulent team; McGrath, almost unnoticed, has become a character essential to the Australia dressing-room, the country boy with the hyper-

age it. Until Saturday, his 20 Test matches had brought him 32 runs with a top score of nine and an average of two. As Test batsmen go, he is not just a rabbit, he is Bugs Bunny.

On Saturday, though, something almost miraculous occurred. McGrath made dou-



Bishop: impressive

ble-figures for the first time in a Test innings, then passed his first-class best of 18. His home crowd cheered and laughed in equal measure, but McGrath was in paradise, so much so that when he was dismissed leg-before for 24, out of a lastwicket stand worth a precious was there for the taking. Bishop, by contrast, at least

shapes like a batsman and it was mildly surprising to find that his best Test score was a

mere 31. The 48 he made yesterday ensured that West Indies' lower order sustained the battle more resiliently than has been their custom. It also restricted the deficit to 27 when it might have been 50 more, which would effectively have put them out of the game.

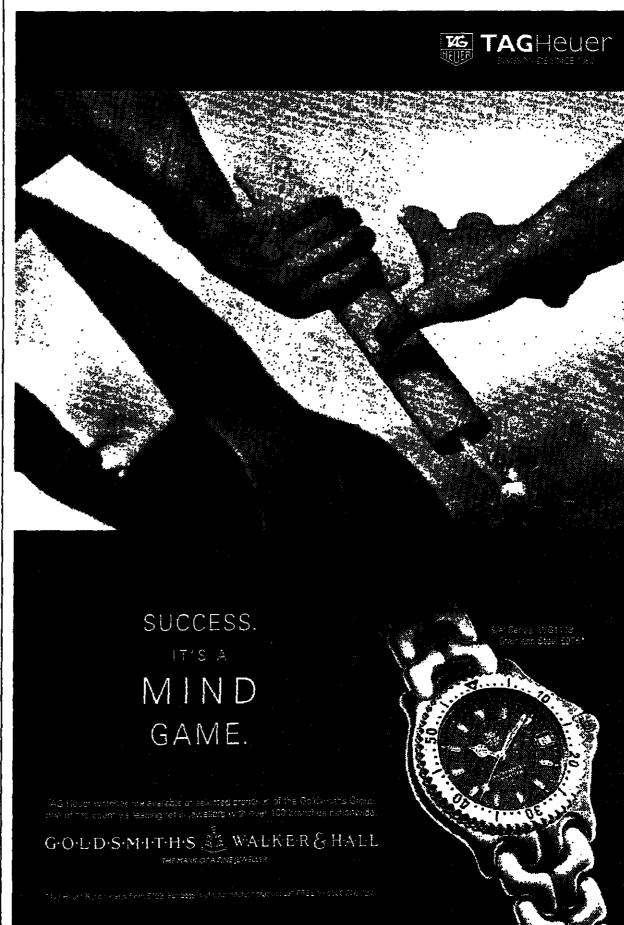
Several times, in these initial Test matches, West Indies have retreated meekly and counterproductively to their trenches. More than once, Walsh has been at fault for transparently falling back on defence in the field, but at start of play yesterday it was the batsmen who seemed intent on distancing themselves from the traditions and reputations of the Caribbean.

Hooper fell when not even trying, tucking his bat behind his pad as he pushed halfforward to Warne. When Adams shouldered arms to a leg-break that almost hit his off stump it seemed Warne might run riot, but Chanderpaul's unflurried approach finally transmitted itself to his more experienced partner and they took West Indies past lunch

without further loss. Neither player, however, seemed able to step up a gear, and when three wickets fell for 14, the innings was once more holed. Adams became the third of the top-order lefthanders to fall to McGrath from round the wicket and Browne chipped his fourth ball to mid-off. Chanderpaul, bemused by Warne's loop, returned a tame catch and it was left to Bishop to supervise the tail with authority, while Gillespie picked up his first two Test wickets.

The final session did not proceed quite as Australia planned but, without some conspicuous luck, it would have been much worse. Taylor had made only one when he was bowled offering no shot to a no-ball from Walsh. Later, Mark Waugh, unusually nervy, was missed off Hooper's off-spin, Browne fumbling the legside edge.

Bishop, meantime, had dismissed Taylor, through a jug-gling slip catch by Lara, and Ponting. Elliott survived through the gloom of the evening growing in stature and gaining his side a safer foothold with every run.



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SYDNEY (third day of five): Australia, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 104 runs ahead of West Indies

summer but purplish clouds ascendancy on a pitch spurn-ing trust. This is a chess game. an exchange of bluff, probe and innuendo yet, like all chess games, there lurks expectation that it could be resolved by one dramatic

no immunity.

presumably for fear that it ing a fancy target on it.

behind: Graeme Hick.

active tendencies of Merv Hughes, but none of the

He just hates taking jibes about his batting but he has

43, he remained rooted in his crease not in protest at the decision, but self-disgust at missing a fifty he plainly felt

AUSTRALIA: First Inninge Taylor o Chandespaul to Bashop Ellion o Lara to Bishop poting o Samuels to Welsh Posting o Samuels Wateshie Lara b W FALL OF WICKETS 1-54, 2-68, 3-73, 4-94, 5-131, 6-224, 7-245, 8-283, 9-288.

Zimbabwe-born player that England left

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-87. BOWLING: Ambrose 4-0-15-0; Welsh 6-2-9-0; Bishop 11-2-23-2; Benjamin 1-0-3-0; Adams 3-0-16-0; Hooper 5-3-5-0. . WEST INDES; First Innings

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BOWLING: McGrath 31-8-82-4 Kasprower: 13-2-37-0; Werne 35-2-13-85-3; Glisspie 23-8-82-2: Beven 11-0-35-0; Blewett 4-0-Umpres: D 8 Hair (Australia) and D R Shenhard (France)

Middlesbrough felled by Yorke

Middlesbrough ...

By Brian Glanville

"LIFE is boring," wrote the poet, Louis MacNeice, "we must not say so."

He was a rugby fan, and therefore knew of what he spoke, but he would have been quite justified in saying as much of the FA Carling Premiership. For all the fabulous flow of money, the bloated transfer fees, far too many games look like this one. Or like the Coca-Cola Cup tie that I saw Villa lose, somewhat bizarrely, against Wimbledon, four days earlier.

On Saturday, Villa won through a penalty. Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, predictably thought that it was a brutal injustice that changed the whole course of the game. Brian Little, the Villa manager, admitted that pened, but that Dwight Yorke, who seemed to be tugged by Cox while turning in the penalty area, asked him, plaintively: "What else could] do?" What else, he meant, but

Yorke banged in the penalty, five minutes from halftime, and overall outshone "The White Feather", Fabrizio Ravanelli, whose feathers were somewhat bedraggled on

After the game, too, he was not the same Ravanelli one saw after his dazzling display against Wales last January, on a waterlogged pitch in Terni. Then, you could not stop him talking, a veritable torrent of explanation, jubilation, selfjustification. At Villa Park he merely remarked that he was off to see his brother, and was away with an urgency he had seldom shown on the field.

Will he stay at Middlesbrough, who, in their long history, have won nothing more notable than a couple of

Years ago, there was a comedian called Davie Morris whose catchphrase was: "Boro for the Cup!" It did not happen



Cox, left, the Middlesbrough defender, lunges forward powerfully to beat Yorke to the ball at Villa Park

even in the great days of Mannion and Hardwick, men who never dreamt of the money paid to Ravanelli. Juninho - hurt and substituted in the second half - and Emerson, who was suspended and, seemingly, cannot wait to get away. Robson's view that after the

goal Villa were able to sit back, soak up pressure and break was a strange one, given that Middlesbrough did not get a shot on goal until three quarters of the game had gone by, and then Stamp's well-struck effort flew straight into the arms of Oakes.

Indeed, the only difficult save of the second half was

made by the Middlesbrough goalkeeper. Walsh, a couple of minutes after Stamp's shot. Townsend, forever driving on his team, worked his way into the area for a left-footed drive that Walsh turned round a

Villa and Yorke began promisingly when, after only ten minutes, the striker hit a shot that Walsh kept out with his legs. Thereafter, there was little threat to the Middlesbrough goal until that penalty. The victory, Little admitted, "might have been a sloppy one, but we need to get a few results." Not as desperately as Middlesbrough, who are struggling sadly in the league.

Savo Milosevic, another of Indeed, Milosevic was even the well-paid strikers on view. seen, on occasion, to make adroit use of his usually almost scored near the end with a hard, low cross-shot dormant right foot. that went not far wide of the

Robson made light of Middlesbrough's own, greater, ineffectuality. "You do soak up a his optimism unquenched for lot of pressure," he remarked, somewhat obscurely. "Once you've silenced the crowd, you Milosevic to Perugia, the city come into it and that's when and club that produced you get in your shots in an Ravanelli. Perugia would not Well, one shot, anyway.

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2): M Cales -Statution, R Someos, U Enogu -Nelson, I Taylor, M Draper, A Townsen Wright -- D Yorks, S Milosevic. MRDDLESBROUGH (4-4-2): G Walsh Fleming, D Whyte, N Cox, C Morts Mustoe, Junniho (sub: A Campbell, 62 C Hignest, P Stamp — F Revenell, M E

Liverpool on guard for Tottenham backlash

hite Hart Lane this evening, and Livertenham Hotsour on the back. of our best performance of the season, and their worst. A good time then, to be playing Spurs? Almost certainly not. In fact, I can't think of a worse time to be playing a live television game away from

Judging by some of the reaction to their 6-1 defeat at Bolton Wanderers in the Coca-Cola Cup, we apparently only have to turn up to collect three points. But you quickly learn to ignore all the talk of despondency, of crisis.

There has been a sharp focus on Tottenham this week, and on their bad defeat. Criticism has come from all sides, their manager said that he was humiliated and the players called it their worst performance ever. But they are hardly going to play like they did in midweek again are they? The cameras will be there their crowd will be revved up, and they will have plenty of motivation.

It is all sounding ominously like the Blackburn Rovers game — and we were beaten 3-0 there. They had just lost their manager, no one gave them a chance,

and yet they came out with enough adrenalin to staunch a boxer's cut eye. It will be the same again for us win, and it will be no more than expected after easily beating Arsenal; lose, and

we will be the ones who messed up, no matter how well Tottenham play. I know it is almost a cliché.

but there are no easy games in the FA Carling Premiership, as Blackburn proved by soundly beating us when they were bottom of the table. Spurs were hammered in midweek, sure, but that was a cup-tie. I didn't see the game, but experience teaches that there are plenty of ways for it to happen. You go a couple of goals behind, and turn kamikaze, then either you get back in the game, or get ham-mered. Heads can go down,

STEVE McMANAMAN



too trailing in a cup-tie, it is easy to lose heart.
It does not hide the fact that Spurs are a good side, with players like Teddy Sheringham and Darren Anderton. Anyway, that scoreline was just the latest in a torrent of amazing results this season. Manchester United lesing 5-0 and then 6-3, Cheisea at our place, us at Blackburn, Newcastle United losing at Leicester City and at home to Sheffield Wednesday. I think what this illustrates is that the league is

'The league is tighter than ever. There are no easy games any more'

fighter than ever. Anyone,

really, can lose to anyone

I think the money that is sloshing around the game now has a lot to do with it. It means that all the Premiership clubs can afford some quality in their team. The tween top and the bottom is no longer there. There are no clubs who have not got the faintest chance of surviving

Look at Coventry City. Blackburn and Nottingham-Forest. They are struggling at the foot of the table, but their teams are full of internationtheir side had international honours. In the past, there were games that you expected to win, and did win. Not any

Now, it is down to the preparation in each game. Have a bad start, make a couple of mistakes, and you will lose, no matter who you play. That happened to us at Blackburn, and to Newcastle at Leicester. A few weeks before, we had gone to Leicester and it was tight in the first half, but we held on well, and won comfortably in the second.

When Manchester United lost by five goals to Newcastle. Alex Ferguson said everything the opposition hit flew in. The week before, Liverpool created as many chances against United, and everything we hit was saved. We the day, a bit of luck or something that turns the

Every player must be on the top of their game, because you just know that the opposition will be fighting for everything. Maybe there is more at stake now than ever before.

With the money from tele vision and sponsorship connected to the Premiership, it is potentialto be relegated. That is clubs gamble on bigmoney signings, that's why you are almost guaranteed a scrap from the

clubs desperately trying to scramble away from the wrong end of the table. Have a couple of players on an off day, or make a couple of mistakes, and you will be

There is no coasting in this business, it is pressure every time you pull on a jersey, because the competition has become so intense. That is wby Liverpool will bardly have given a second thought to Tottenham's result in midweek. We know the adrenalin and the legs will be pumping.

Fans target goal-shy rivals

Sheffield Wednesday 0 West Ham United ...

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

"WHAT a load of rubbish" was the chorus of the West Ham United supporters beand it drew answering echoes and ripples of applause all around Hillsborough. Although Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, pro-nounced himself satisfied with the draw, he would have found few sympathisers among the paying customers

with the way it was achieved. The reason is not hard to find. When a club of West Ham's reputation for attacking football sees November

goals as joint top-scorer, all is cioiu, whose work ethic is not well. "Sad, isn't it?" Julian questionable. Dicks, the man in question, agreed. "But we're not in a bad position. We didn't start well last season, yet finished

All very true, but no more likely to mollify the purists of Upton Park than a pragmatic appraisal by Slaven Bilic, the Croatia international. "A point away is good enough, he said. We avoided individual mistakes and defended well, but we are not dangerous up front. We lack a player who can play alongside Dowie and finish the efforts of the others. In the Premiership, you need a striker to finish in the top ten." That striker will not be Paulo

Futre, with whom Redknapp has lost patience, and will end with a left back with three probably not be Florin Radu-

asking Satha for guarscorers.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-1-1): K. Pressman — I Nolan (subt: S Oakes, 48min), P. Atherton, D. Watker, I. Briscoe (sub. S Nicot, 40) — G. Whithingham, G. Hydie, M. Pembrodge, O. Trusthall (subt: R Humphreys, 70) — B. Carborne — A. Booth WEST HAM UNITED (3-5-2): L. Milliosko — M. Reper, S Bisc., J. Dicks — T. Breacker, F. Lamperd, I. Beshop, J. Moncur, K. Rowland — M. Hughes (subt. S Lazandia, 90), I. Downe. Referees: P. Durfon.

Fortune does not always reward effort, however. When, after 54 long minutes, Hughes's 25-yard bolt from the claret and blue beat Pressman but smacked the crossbar, it only served to spark Wednesday, rather than his own team, into a short-lived semblance of life. Before that, it had been a torpid affair, with misplaced passes very

much the norm. "We needed a bit of inspiration," David Pleat, the Wed-nesday manager, said. "Shea-rer would have forced a goal somehow, or one or two others, but they cost a lot of money. Never mind, it will be Christmas soon." When Pleat and Redknapp - and supporters of both clubs -- will be asking Santa for goalscorers.

Sunderland flush out Royle's weaknesses

Sunderland

By DAVID MADDOCK

far post. The chance had been

made for him by Townsend,

all Villa's recent ineffectuality.

come across with the money so

Milosevic stays and Little

said: "He certainly worked harder than he had been

before the Perugia thing.

When he keeps the ball mov-

ing, he's a handful to the

Villa did their best to sell

TO THE disgust of the home support, Sunderland's understandably chulled gaggle of followers, crammed together in a small nook of Goodison Park, struck up an ironic chorus of You'll Never Walk Alone at the end of an indomitable performance from their side. It might have been an ironic statement on the match

Rarely did a Sunderland player walk alone throughout a 90-minute exhibition of the team ethic. So frequently did Everton's players find themselves isolated that they might have been clouds, blown this way and that by the icy breath of winter. Here was the match decided_

Sunderland do not possess great quality among their modest playing staff. They do have immense team spirit. epitomised by Kevin Ball, the captain, who displayed a league games? It was not

particularly fond of spinach. Everton do have quality: maybe not as much as Joe Royle, the manager, suggested when he said last week that his side was capable of joining the coat-tails of those teams contesting the FA Carling Premiership, but still enough to deal with Sunderland's spirited opposition.

Yet Royle was forced to concede, after a thumping defeat: "Their goalkeeper played well, but our goalkeeper played even better." He was right. While Perez made a crucial save from Stuart's carelessly directed penalty a minute after the interval, Southall produced stops in the first half from Ball, Rae, Russell and Ball again that got better with

each plunge to the turf. In the second half he improved again, bravely denying Russell and then managing a deflection onto the left-hand post from the same player that was the save of the match. So why did Everton play so badly after an unbeaten run of eight

Royle, or Southall, or any of the senior players who provided the answer, but 18-year-old Tony Grant, who could have been forgiven for not knowing.

It seemed that everyone

thought we would win the game even before we went out onto the pitch," he said. "Maybe we believed our own publicity. We did not play well, and what makes it worse is that the defeat has cost us the chance of going into the top six." There is no room for com-



especially when, like Everton, you still need at least two more players of quality to hold serious title aspirations. They were exposed at the back, and the goals that Sunderland scored underlined a need for more strength in the centre of

The first, after 55 minutes. was a simple move down the right, completed when Rae turned Unsworth and crossed for Russell to head classically into the net. He was unmarked, as was Bridges, the exciting young substitute, when he looped a header over Southall after a volleyed cross

from Bracewell in the 75th In between, the introduction of Ferguson briefly served as an inspiration to Everton. The blood was pumping as he climbed to send a header into the roof of the net through Perez's scorched fingers, but even then Bracewell, with his immaculate passing and intelligent positioning, was in charge of midfield, ably sup-

in the centre of their midfield, and that fact must have been as sweet for the former Peter Reid, his manager. They formed part of the last outstanding Everton midfield. and they could not hide their delight afterwards. Bridges had confirmed Sun-

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one of Bracewell's intelligence

derland's superiority by stroking a loose ball home on the final whistle after Southall had produced a wonderful double save from Agnew and "It's a smashing day, it's a

wonderful place to come and I am just happy we have left with a result." Reid said. "Mind you, we're not a bad side when we finish with 11 players," a comment on recent

dismissals. EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — E Barrett,
D Weston, D Unsworth, A Hanchoffte (sub:
C Short, String) — A Karchelskis (sub: M
Branch, 62), A Grant (sub: D Ferguson, 52),
J Parlamson, G Speed — G Stuart, N
Beamby

Bermby
SUNDERLAND (4-5-1): L Perez — GHeit, A
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Agnew, 83), P Bracoweti, K Ball, D Kelly, M
Smith (sub: M Gray, 78) — C Russell (sub
M Bridges, 71)
Referee: P Jones.

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Forest's free fall accelerated by opportunism of Earle

Nottingham Forest 0

A YEAR ago, on November 30. Nottingham Forest had lost only once in 14 FA Carling

Premiership fixtures, collected 25 points and nestled themselves in seventh place in the table. They were also halfway towards earning a Uefa Cup quarter-final berth against Bayern Munich. A year ago, on November 30, Wimbledon had triumped

in only three of 15 Premiership matches, had gathered a paltry 12 points and had not won in ten league games. They lay sixteenth in the table, apparently destined for the big drop and, already, in line for all the insincere condolences that would accompany it.

Twelve months on, the role reversal is staggering. Forest are twentieth, bottom of the Premiership pile, and have not won in 14 league outings. The City Ground is also dominated by talk of a takeover, producing mass indecision among its 209 shareholders. with Frank Clark, the Forest manager and one of the Premiership's few remaining gents, reduced to no more than a bewildered bystander.

fourth, hot on the heels of the fat cats that so frequently admire and despise them in the same patronising breath. They are unbeaten in 17 league and cup games, closing on a 13-year club record of 22, and are mischievously, yet seriously, considering a Uefa Cup place next season.

It might conjure awful visions — the Crazy Gang gate-crashes Europe — but fantasy edged another, albeit hesitant, step nearer reality at Selhurst Park on Saturday when Forest

Hungry Wolves _____ 31 Soutish commentary ____ 31

were cut down by a 38thminute goal from Robbie Earle Gayle's 25-yard free kick cannoned off the crossbar and Earle reacted swiftest to tuck in the rebound. Wimbledon did not deserve

it. They desperately resorted to the crash, bang, wallop style of old, when they buildozed their way past all and sundry. and even then only narrowly did they stay affoat. "You have an off-day sometimes," Joe Kinnear, the manager, said. The secret is that when you do, you still pick up the three

barassment at being so close to the Premiership pacesetters and yet, for Clark, the challenge is all too real. No amount of obvious observations or jovial asides could hide the hurt; Forest are in a mess from top to bottom, from inside to out, off the pitch and on it.
"If that sounds confused, it's

because I am confused," he said as one inadvertently convoluted explanation drifted off into the land of Colemanballs and Pseud's Corner. "We con-trolled a lot of the play but just weren't convincing where it As long as Campbell contin-

ues to miss close-range chances, as he did on several occasions on Saturday, and Roy, another £2.5 million waste of space, is content to earn vast wages sitting on the bench, Forest will linger in the depths. Wimbledon, though, move onwards and upwards; for them, winning ugly has never been a problem. Europe

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Cunningham. C Perry. D Blackwell. A Kribbe — N Arclay. V Jones, R Earle, O Leonhardser (auto M Herbord. Serving) — M Geylé (auto: A Clarke. 72), E Brokur (s.u.): D'Holdsworth. 72).

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (44-2). M Crossley — D Lyttle (sub. J Lee. 72), S Buzhanidek, S Cherle, S Pearle — C Copper, D Philipp, A i Hassland, C Allen — D Saunders. K Campbell.

Reference M Reed.



Newcastle toppled by Arsenal united

BY SIMON BARNES

"PEOPLE work in teams because together they have the potential to create something they cannot create alone. By maximizing the quality of the relationship between team members, teams maximise performance." The words of John Syer, a psychologist who works in sport and

business, in his latest book, How Teamwork Works. For most of us, teamwork is like a car. We recognise it when it is working well, but we have no idea how or why it does. And if it goes wrong, we are on the hard shoulder with the hazards a-flash, waiting

for an expert.

To travel to Newcastle and play three-quarters of a match with ten men against the most ectacular attacking force in British football is, you would think, certain disaster. Some sides can, however, be galvanised by a sending-off as an additional dose of team spirit washes through them. One side you do not want to meet in such circumstances is Arsenal; the only worse choice would be Wimbledon. Both sides are remarkable for the way that their teamwork works: and, not by coincidence, rich Arsenal go top of the FA Carling Premiership and poor Wimbledon are

It is the tendency of new managers, especially those that arrive with ridiculous expectations, to change everything, especially personnel. It has been Arsene Wenger's early triumph to make the old Arsenal side more like itself than it was before.

He has introduced a single new player, the highly promis-ing Vieira. Wenger's achievement has been to graft more ambitious notions of footballing craft onto the Arsenal tradition of discipline and pragmatism. So far, so excellent. Afterwards, he praised the spirit, the collective organisation and the luck: all traditional ingredients of Arsenal success. The players have such a good relationship, such camaraderie, he said.

Ian Wright said it was a great result for the lads. The a sacred concept for Wright. He played last week

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Wright wrong-foots Batty, Watson and Beardsley to prompt another Arsenal attack against Newcastle United at St James' Park

Lads, The Team . . . a burdensome business for some who resent the need to seek their individual natures in a crowd. For others, it is the most fulfilling aspect of life. "I can't imagine not being in a team." Cyrille Regis once told me. When I retire from football I'll have to take up bowls or something - just so I can be in

Other footballers cannot wait to be alone, to go and play golf, perhaps. You suspect that everyone from Arsenal is in the bowls school of thinking: at least half the Newcastle side prefer the solitude of golf.
Arsenal went ahead because

Wright stripped Peacock of the ball on the byline. Peacock had a day when his pretensions of being a classy defender were ruthlessly exposed.

His constant need to perform three-point turns must make Wright's lavourite defender. Peacock, beaten by the lad-loving Wright, lay on the ground to watch his torturer flick an immaculate cross for Dixon, unmarked, to score with a thumping header. Well, you did not expect Ginola to track back, did you?

temporary setback when Adams was sent off midway through the first half. Up trotted the Arsenal back line. hands in the air. "Please sir, the opposition is offside." Asprilla was, indeed, miles offside, but trying to get back onside again. The linesmen ruled that he was not interfering with play, and the flag

Shearer on the ball. So Adams bundled him down, preventtunity, and he had to go. Newcastle equalised before the half was finished through Shearer, a wonderfully acrobatic header from Ginola's cross. And so, it seemed, the floodgates would open.

But they did not. Arsenal are very well equipped to play with ten men. You play your normal defence, and leave Wright up front by himself to try to nick something. And he does. There are times when you think Wright must be the best forward in England, and he is still improving. There is no footballing equivalent of "street-smart", but there should be. Wright is supremely "pitch-smart", or "ball-

quick break from defence, Wright holding the ball up for Merson and then belting through. Merson's rather ambitious shot scuffed under Albert's boot and fell to Wright, whose finish was eetness and light. I looked back the other way

Arsenal won the match with

as the break was on, and saw four Newcastle players watching with an air of bland condescension, strolling at their ease: boulevardiers, flaneurs. All day, it was ever Newcastle that were outnumbered. "A company of giddyheads, afternoon men." Burton said in The Anatomy of Melanchotv.

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, was gloomily anatomising his own melancholy afterwards. There are no

half-measures with Keegan He knows no emotions but euphoria and despair. On Saturday, all his players were hopeless, especially Asprilla, and if they played like that again he would have to change the personnel. Wenger was smiling courte-

ously beneath his rimless specs as he handed out his post-match pearls to a substantial posse of French reporters. "Je prends," he said, chaque allumette comme elle vien." Something like that,

RSENAL (3-5-2) J Lukoc — S Bould, Adams, M Keown (sub S Monow, 75) — L Dtoon, P Merson (sub: R Parlour, 84), F Vierra, D Patt, N Winterburn — J Hartson (sub: A Linighen, 30). I Wright.

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Reluctant Parkes refusing to let success change him

Blackburn Rovers Southampton1

By MARK HODKINSON

A SPACE has been left before the word "manager" in the Blackburn Rovers match programme. Once more, however, Tony Parkes has confirmed that his name will not fill the slot between Baroness Thatcher (honourable vice-president) and Tom Finn

This is highly unfortunate football management needs men like Tony Parkes. He is chipper, as honest as they come. He shuffled into the after-match press conference apologetically. In his role as caretaker-manager he had just orchestrated Blackburn's second win in 15 league matches but he was insistent that the feat did not make him a proper manager. I want to stay what I am, a happy-go-lucky chap," he said. "Manag-ers are all dour and miserable, they don't talk to you lot [reporters] like I do. Wait until Mr Souness comes in here,

he's a proper manager."

Mr Souness is indeed a roper manager. His muscular defender, Van Gobbel, had been sent off, harshly in the view of most people at Ewood Park. "Football is a cruel game. We deserved something out of today's game, at least

Unfortunatly, Woods fell

awkwardly after colliding with Hendry and was carried off with a fractured leg. Dave Reasant deputised and repelled the constant wave of

Blackburn stuttered after the interval and Southampton, waking up to the opportu-nity, created their own chances. The ball broke to the willing Ostenstad and, despite Hendry's attempt to absail down his back, he took the ball through and placed it meticulously beyond Flowers. Southampton's Dutch import, Van Gobbel, who had

the point," Sourcess lamented. In the first half, Blackburn

ayed football to parallel Parker's personality, open and quietly charismatic. They passed the ball around Southampton and should have scored more than Sherwood's solitary goal, which followed a neat cross-field pass from Gallacher knocked down by

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been irascible throughout was booked for picking a fight with Wilcox. Six minutes later he was involved in an altercation with Sutton as he tried to shield the ball out of play. The Blackburn striker was undoubtedly the aggressor and rightly booked, but Roger

> enough of Van Gobbel's shenanigans and off he went. Sutton celebrated his pardon just minutes later when Donis threaded through a sublime pass. The striker guided the ball expertly beyond Beasant to record a just Blackburn victory

Dilkes, the referee, had seen

Afterwards Parkes was drawn into speculation about his position. Would he do the manager's job if asked? "Yes, I would say no," he replied. But what about the money? "It's not about the money. People would give their right arm to be in football." Honourable, frank, impervious to money perhaps Tony Parkes is not football management material

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — J Kerna, H Berg, C Hendry, G Le Saux.— T Sharwood, W McKinlay (sub: L Bohinen, 67mm), 6 Filterofi, J Wilson.— C Sutton, K Gallacher (sub: G Donis, 71). SOUTHAMPTON (44-1-1): C Woods (sub-D Bessent, 10) — U Van Gobbel, K Monkou, R Dryden, S Chalton — Dodd, J Magliton (sub: M Robinson, 59), N Maddison, M Calday — E Beskovic (sub-Lundelwarn, 84) — E Ostenstad.

Strachan's tunnel vision fails to disguise Coventry's plight

Derby County Coventry City1

By RICHARD HOBSON

GORDON STRACHAN remembers a time when he felt helpless in football. He had completed his second game for Leeds United, then in the old second division, lost 2-0 to Blackburn Rovers, and wondered why he had decided to move to Eliand Road from Manchester United. Leeds eventually became league champions, with Strachan an

influential figure — and a happy one — wide on the He relates the story to demonstrate what is possible at Coventry City with a little hard work, despite the fact that they are one from bottom of the FA Carling Premier-ship. He says that he does not

feel as fearful as he did on that Saturday evening in Leeds. "There are just small, technical problems here," Strach-an said. "There is light at the end of the tunnel." But how long is that tunnel? Coventry have yet to win since Strachan succeeded Ron Atkinson as manager. Indeed, they have just a single league victory to

their credit all season.

beat Derby County on Saturday, just as they have squanopportunities since August. They are the lowest goalscorers in English football, with nine from 15 match-a statistic suggesting

that, while Strachan's problems may be technical, they are hardly small.

He will stick with his new front pairing of Dion Dublin and Darren Huckerby in the hope that they complement each other in the way that

Ashley Ward and Dean Sturridge have forged an effective partnership at the Baseball Ground. One is strong in the air and able to hold the ball, the other quick enough to scythe through defences. At 20, Huckerby is a decent prospect, assuming that his positional sense and decisionmaking develop. Sturridge, three years his senior, has added those qualities to become a real threat.

It was through the speed and trickery of Sturridge that Derby went ahead in the twelfth minute. He left Paul Williams prostrate as he turned sharply and ran forward before feeding Ward on the right. Ward checked inside Richard Shaw, who was judged to have impeded him, and Aliosa Asanovic convert-

Dublin met a corner from John Salako with a glancing header two minutes before half-time to equalise, and missed three good chances to put his side ahead after the

However, Derby responded by replacing Paul McGrath with an attacking midfield player, Christian Dailly, and adventurous tactical change was rewarded 11 minutes from time when Ward volleyed beyond Steve Ogrizovic from close range when Dailly headed a loose ball goalwards.

Despite taking ten points from their last four games to move into ninth position, reality dictates that Derby must refuse to aspire beyond survival this season, their last at the Baseball Ground. 'We are trying to build a

platform where we are resilient, so that teams do not look at us on the fixture list and think they have an easy game coming up," Steve McClaren, the coach, said. "Our front two are playing well together, so it gives us a good chance."

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Few thrills as United prepare to face Rapid test

Leicester City ...

By PETER BALL

RAPID Vienna were not playing at Old Trafford on Saturday, but they were an almost tangible presence. With Newcastle United losing, Manchester United's victory over Leicester City was significant in domestic terms, but almost everything in an interesting rather than thrilling game was judged for its impact on the visit to Rapid Vienna on Wednesday for the final game in the European Cup Champions'

Leicester did their best to spoil the preparations, resisting determinedly and setting United the sort of test that will have more relevance in the knock-out stage of the European Cup - if they get there - than for events in Vienna. The opposition was, though, almost an irrelevance to Alex Ferguson as the United manager watched Pallister, Giggs and Cruyff and pondered their decide their European fate.

Apart from some occasional bursts from Heskey, Pallister had a comfortable return as Leicester concentrated on defence. Heskey is nicknamed Bruno by the Leicester supporters. Watching him on one determined burst, as he shoved Pallister aside and repelled Irwin, that does him less than justice -Tyson would be more fitting.

"It was an easy game to come back in," Pallister said, "because they didn't come to win the game. They didn't give us any space in their half, and for a long time it looked like being a 0-0 draw."

If that meant Pallister had a gentle enough come back, it provided a real test for the United attack. Giggs picked up the gauntlet, running at defenders with zest.

"Ryan was on fire against Juventus and again today," Pallister said. "He gives us that real edge



Giggs: ready for Vienna

which we've perhaps been missing. When he goes at players like he did today, you just don't want to be a defender. He can run so quickly with the ball and change pace and direction so quickly, it's awesome." However, with Cantona still not sparking, there was for some time little end product. Finally, a tactical switch, moving Keane to play out wide, had the desired effect as the Ireland international powered past Izzet to the byline and Butt got in front of Keller to run in his low cross. The last 15 minutes were a differ-

ent game. "Once the breakthrough came, it looked as if we could score every time we went forward," Ferguson said, "but that's what happens in these games. I think, when we scored, their legs went, and there was some exciting stuff at the end. It was then a question of how many."

Pallister hit a long ball over Grayson for Giggs to burst onto and drag back for Solskjaer; then Butt chested Cantona's return past Watts before

Between the two. Giggs had been replaced by Poborsky, and the Czech international's mistake let Lennon claim some reward for an outstanding display in midfield. "I took Giggs off because, at that stage in the

game, for players who have had calf strains, tiredness comes into it, and I wasn't prepared to take a risk." Ferguson said. "He's an important player for us, and I need him really badly on Wednesday." There can be little doubt about

that. But if Giggs and Pallister will give United extra confidence for Wednesday, they are still searching for a leader in attack. Solskjaer proved he is nearer to being the answer than Cruyff, and will start in Vienna. With luck, he may see them through that test, but in the long term, a more commanding figure, a Shearer or a Ravanelli, is needed.

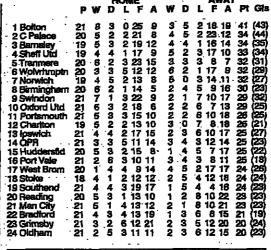
Ronaldo? "He's cup-tied, he has already played in Europe for Barcelona." Ferguson said yesterday. Come back. Andy Cole, all is

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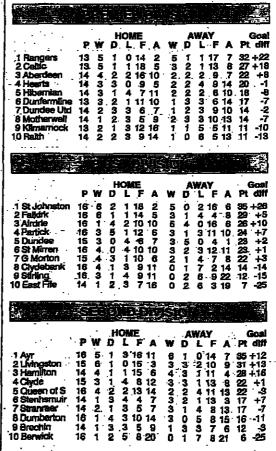


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FOOTBALL: NEAL'S POSITION COMES UNDER INCREASING THREAT AFTER CITY FADE IN SECOND HALF

Wolves throw off Molineux shackles

Manchester City ...

By Oliver Holt

THE home supporters left Molineux in relief yesterday. singing and chanting, rejoic-ing in the knowledge that their influence over their team was not as permicious as the evidence so far this season had suggested. As they disappeared into the dusk, the club boomed James Brown out across the ground to remind them just what a home win meant. "I feel good," he sang. "I knew that I would."

It was almost like a sixpointer this one, a match-up between Wolverhampton Wanderers, the team that had not won at home for nearly three months, and Manchester City, the side that seems unable to get a result away from Maine Road. It was like a play-off for an unwanted wooden spoon and, in the end, the home side won decisively.

They moved into sixth place in the Nationwide League first division but left City floundering four places off the bottom, one place lower than they were yesterday morning.

In the light of a record of four points from a possible 18 under his dour stewardship, Phil Neal's short reign as the latest City manager may not have much longer to run. He refused to talk about his position after the game, save to say, with a touch of unintentional self-mockery: "I am here to comment on the aftermath of the game I have just

The game he had just lost was only rescued from its uninspiring first-half stalemate by a comedy of errors in the City penalty area in the first minute after the interval.



Roberts is congratulated by Thomas after scoring Wolves' opening goal yesterday. It was Wolves' first home win for nearly three months

Symons sliced an attempted clearance back towards his own goal where Dibble, deputising for the injured Margetson, miskicked it again. Dennison recovered the ball and crossed for Roberts to head home at the near post.

Wolves began to play with more conviction, led by the accurate, purposeful, long passes of Osborn, the running of Corica and the tirelessness of Bull. As City wilted, unable to capitalise on the embarrass ing superiority of Kinkladze over every other player on the field, the borne side sensed the opportunity to end a run of seven home games without a

After Rösler had wasted City's best chance by heading Summerbee's cross out from under the bar with the aplomb of an expert defender, Wolves sealed their victory seven minutes into the second half. Dibble beat out a fierce shot from Roberts after Bull had laid the ball off to him with his thigh, but the Welshman followed up and hammered it

high into the net.

With the exception of the bite of Jeff Whitley, in mid-

field, and the dazzling, dancing runs of Kinkladze, City offered little realistic hope of getting back into the game. To rub salt into their

wounds, Dennison scored

Wolves' third with a curling

left-foot shot 11 minutes from the end. "It might not have been the best we have played all sea-son," the Wolves manager, Mark McGhee, said. "But it

"It took an awful lot of bottle for us to push on here, although I have always said

that the so-called jinx here is down to injuries. No side who has suffered the number of injuries we have could win consistently.

"In the second half we managed to up the tempo and do some damage. I am reluctant to say that we are off and running now but we are up there in the thick of the promotion battle. I think that we will get stronger and stronger as more players are available after injury and increase the competition for

places.
"It is a pity that we have

away and not at home. Had it happened in reverse, the fans would have had more belief in our potential. Maybe now, they will start to get behind us even more. We are really in amongst it now because the results went in our favour this weekend and last."

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WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-5-2): M. Stowell — M. Atlans, M. Venus, N. Erriblen — A. Thompson, G. Thomas, S. Coborn, S. Conce (sub: J. Dowe, Bornn), F. Dennison — S. Bull, I. Roberts

MANCHESTER CITY (4-3-1-2): Margetson (sub: A Dibble, 5) — I. Crooks, K. Symons, D. Wassall, I. Brightwell — Summerbee, Jeti Whitley, S. Lomas — G. Kirkladze — P. Dickov (sub: N. Clough, 70), I. Risler.

to the ball, ran on their unruly and flighted the emotions' ball into the net. Four minutes from the end. Walker's

Redfearn relishes bringing Bolton back to earth

Bolton Wanderers Barnsley

By PAT GIBSON

IT IS a measure of Barnslev's growing reputation that three days after Bolton Wanderers had demolished Tottenham Hotspur 6-1 in the Coca-Cola Cup, the Nationwide League first division leaders were quite content to have preserved their undefeated home record with a goal in the last minute of the game.

Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, expected Barnsley to present very different opposition and they did. Whereas the FA Carling Premiership side had thrown in the towel in the face of unrelenting pressure, Barnsley simply relished the chance to show that the gap

quite as great as some people imagine. Not on the field,

The Yorkshire side had a ewel in Neil Redfearn, a ourneyman footballer if ever there was one. He actually began his trek through the divisions at Bolton, who let him go after 35 games. Now 31, he returned to haunt them by scoring both goals, just as he had done when they drew 2-2 at Oakwell in October. More than anyone, Red-

fearn knew what was required on Saturday. "What Bolton did to Tottenham was not a fluke," he said. They're a good side and if

you take them lightly, that is the sort of thing they will do to you. We knew that if we were not on the bail they could do the same to us, and there was

Redfearn set the standard. which is what he has been doing all season, according to his manager, Danny Wilson. "He's a real leader," Wilson said. "You can tell when he

Parry to join Liverpool

RICK PARRY, the FA Premier League chief executive, is to take up a similar position with Liverpool Football Club at the end of the season.

Parry, 41, a Liverpool supporter from his school days, said that he would be fulfilling a lifetime's ambition. He will take over at Antield from Peter Robinson, who will become vice-chairman. Whoever succeeds Parry will have to maintain, as he is

relishes the responsibility he has. He helps the players around him all the time and I can see him getting 20 goals — again — from midfield." Barnsley needed that kind of influence after Bolton had

credited with doing, the frag-

ile balance between the most powerful clubs and their less illustrious rivals, to ensure that the game's new-found riches are evenly distributed.

The FA hopes to confirm the appointment of its first technical director within five weeks, but vesterday denied reports that Howard Wilkinson, the former Leeds United manager, has already been

was ominously reminiscent of some of those that they had put past Tottenham, Blake heading in from Sellars's twentieth minute corner. Redfearn equalised from the penalty spot five minutes later after John Sheridan had brought down Hendrie, and then seemed to have settled a cracking contest when he shot into the far corner 11 minutes

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caused panic on the edge of the

Bolton area. ed a corner straight to Thompson, who valleyed in the equaliser, and Todd was satisfied with what was Bolton's fourth point from their last five games. It was enough to increase their lead at the top to seven points and Todd said:

"It is nothing to do with us that the results keep going our way. We're just happy to be creating chances and picking

They should be back in the Premiership by the time they move to their new £30 million stadium next season and it is not unrealistic to believe that Barnsley, only seven points behind with two games in hand, will be joining them. "It's a nice little yardstick of

how far we've come that we're going away from a place like Bolton disappointed that we botton usappointed that we haven't won," Wilson said.
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BARNSLEY (3-4-1-2): O Warson — S Devis, M Appleby, A de Zeeuw — N Esden, J Bosance. N Pediteen, D Sheridan — C Marosite (subr M Bullock, 86) — J Hendrie, P Williamson.

Rangers stamp their authority on race for title

over Aberdeen yes terday, Rangers took a five-point lead in the Bell's Scottish League premier division, but the gulf in professionalism may be even more difficult for second-placed Celtic to bridge. In a 2-2 draw at home to an admirably obdurate Heart of Midlothian on Saturday, Celtic were overwrought, accident-prone and eventually reduced to ten men.

Rangers, on the other hand, trounced Aberdeen with the meticulousness of men reading from a manual. So serene was the display that there was even an impression of blandness; until, that is, one attempted to count the many chances they had manufactured in the intervals between goals. A watchful Rangers side also reduced each of the opposition's attacks to an exercise

A shot by Rowson in the closing moments that required Goram's first true save was the only occasion on which defending was tinged by drama. The visitors' sense of security was the basis of a lethally methodical approach. In the 37th minute, Walker's poor kick-out permitted Rangers to break on the left, and a mis-hit shot by Robertson, from Laudrup's low cross, completely flummoxed the Aberdeen goal-

Walker was once again de-spondent when, after 78 minutes, he needlessly charged out of his 'Celtic are

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area in an attempt to reach Miller's through pass. Laudrup beat him

handling was slippery as he tried to hold McCoist's shot and Miller pounced on the rebound.

The outcome,

should not be explained purely by reference to a goalkeeper's mishaps. Walker made fine saves from Albertz and Ferguson before the interval, while McCoist hit the underside of the bar in the 36th minute and was to miss an appealing opportunity in the second half. too. Even injuries to Bjorklund and Albertz that rule them out of the European Cup Champions' League fixture in Auxerre on Wednesday cannot have diluted the contentment of manager.

As if Rangers did not provide sufficient rivalry, Celtic have invented phantom enemies with which to torment themselves. On Saturday, Paolo di Canio was the subject of the club's tenth dismissal



Scottish commentary

this season, but Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, admitted that he is a little short of moral authority when deliv-ering lectures on discipline.

Burns, after all, was despatched to the stand by the referee in the recent Old Firm game after haranguing a linesman. Celtic tend to see the with unjustified resentment these days and di Canio, in the 14th minute, collected the first of his two yellow cards after disputing a perfectly sound offside decision.

So sustained was his protest, that Stuart Dougal, the referee, might have dismissed the Italian there and then. His involvement did come to a sudden halt, however, with 13 minutes of the match remaining. Immediately after earning and converting a penalty for Celtic's second equaliser, di Canio raced into the net and become embroiled with Rousset, the goalkeeper, before exchanging shoves with Fulton. Dougal, previously tol-

erant, could conjure up no further cy and the forward was sent packing. At present, the country's thera-pists are finding their diaries over-

crowded by the psychological ailments of Britain's leading footballers, but so irrational can di Canio's conduct become that Celtic might consider begging for one more appointment to be squeezed in.

The forward is a man of histrionics, who is seemingly determined to view football as melodrama, but, damagingly for his club, his team-mates and supporters have begun to share the perspective. As they attempt to prevent Rangers from matching their record of nine successive championships. Celtic are beset by their own unruly emotions.

For Burns's team, the obsession with Rangers is impeding ABERDEEN (4-3-3) N Walker — S McKimmte. B Invine, A Kombouare, T Tzvetanov — I Kimakov, D Rowson, D Young (sub: J Miller, SBmin) — S Booth, D Windass (sub: H Ingolfsson, 72), W Dodds.
RANGERS (3-5-2), A Goram — G Petric, R Gough, J Bohthand (sub: C Miller, 32) — G Shields, C Moore, P Gascolgre, J Albertz (sub: I Ferguson, 29), D Robertson — B Laudrup (sub: E Andersen, 90), A McCost. Referee: J McCluskey

MONTHILY

Warnock's misery finds no respite

Plymouth Argyle0

Burnley

By DAVID POWELL

IF THIS was fiction, the book would end with Plymouth Argyle winning the FA Cup at Wembley in May. In the story so far, the manager has fallen out with the chairman, a director has quit, the team's most consistent performer has asked for a transfer, the banners are up asking for the chairman's head, and the manager has stormed out of a

statement declaring the club Emergency talks failed to meet the manager's demand for cash to strengthen his relegation-threatened squad and an interested buyer, promising £800,000 immediately for players, withdrew as the chairman refused to

game before the end saying he

is burnt out and then issued a

Through the gloom, there is a cup-tie against their Devon rivals, Exeter City, to look forward to, but the hero of the Wembley promotion play-offs six months earlier seems liekly to miss it as he is remanded in custody, charged with kidnapping and making threats to kill.

Neil Warnock, the Plymouth manager, said on Saturday that "we cannot get much more thrown at us." He had been ticked off by the referee and saw Beresford, the Burnley goalkeeper, brilliantly save Heathcote's 89th-minute header that might have given Plymouth their first Nationwide League second division win in five matches.

It was probably as well that Warnock was not present when Adrian Heath, in his first full season of management, spoke of having funds available to underpin Burn-

is no money, nothing has changed on that," Warnock said when asked what his midweek meeting with Dan McCauley, the chairman, had resolved. The two have not been speaking to each other for most of the season.

Warnock's frustration spilt over to an attack on the media for failing to report a burglary at Ronnie Mauge's home. Subsequently, the player al-legedly kidnapped a Plymouth man on Wednesday.

Maugé, who scored in Plymouth's promotion-winning game at Wembley last May, appeared before magistrates on Friday and was held in custody pending a second appearance this Friday. Red cards were distributed

for supporters to wave, urging McCauley to resign. Inside Home Park, banners repeated the message. The tension was heightened when Warnock and Heath were spoken to by the referee, although Heath made light of it.

"Apparently, you cannot shout now," Heath said. "He said we were having a go at him, we said, if you cannot take a bit of stick, it is not the best game to be involved in." A point apiece was fair,

Smith missing an 82nd-minute sitter for Burnley. Warnock, who left the recent home match against Chesterfield ten minutes early, out of anger at his players, was more resigned now. "I am very proud when I see performances like that with what we have got." he said. "I just wish that they got bonuses

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3-5-2): B Grobb-elser — A James, M Heathicole, P Wotton — C Billy, M Simpson (sub: M Saunders, 77min), M Bertow, C Leachitter, P Williams — M Evens (sub: C Corazzin, 88), A — M Evens (Stat: C Corazza, es), A Liffigions.

BURNLEY (3-52): M Benedical — C Brass, P Swen, G Harrison — G Patrison, P Weller, N Glesphon, P Smith, D Syres — K Noger, A Cooke.

Shilton keeps on course for goal

e was just going to take each game as it comes," but for once football's most time-honoured cliché was as fresh as the day it was minted. Peter Shilton MBE, OBE, had resumed his quest for sporting immortal-ity, and if Brisbane Road on a grey afternoon is hardly the Venue of Legends, that was no deterrent for a man on a mission.

Thirty-one seasons after league match No l, as a 16year-old deputy for Gordon Banks with Leicester City, and 19 months after league match No 996, as a Bolton Wanderers substitute, Shilton had completed league match No 997 on Saturday with a clean sheet, a win bonus and a bump on his forehead after colliding with a post. "Unfortunately, it was metal," he

Shilton could afford to smile through the pain after the 3-0 defeat of Cardiff City. All things being equal - and his complicated, well-documented private life suggests a twist in the tale yet - league game No 1,000 should come on December 22, when Brighton visit Leyton Orient for a Nationwide League third division match. Shilton has alKeith Pike watches the evergreen custodian inspire Orient to a 3-0 victory over Cardiff

ready played 173 league games more than anybody else, and 226 more than any other active player. All records are there to be broken, but this one just might not be.

Greying temples give a clue but, at 47. Shilton retains the physique and athleticism of someone half his age, and when those assets are redundant, his very presence can prove decisive. With Orient leading 1-0, Cardiff were awarded a dubious 49th-



minute penalty that Steve White, with II goals this season, elected to take. The ball hit a block of flats off Leyton High Road. "He's been the best in the world, and he's top-class still," White, a com-

Shilton, whose one genuine save of the afternoon came in the last minute, an instinctive plunge low to his left to thwart White again, said: "I don't think it is how old you are that matters, it's how fit you are and what your desire is." He planned to "have a takeaway and watch Match of the Day, after returning to the his home in the Midlands, where the pipe and slippers remain firm-

parative novice at 37, said.

ly locked away. For obssessed by the ap-proaching landmark as he admits to being, Shilton has set his sights higher still. When, tired of warming the West Ham United bench for 12 months, he agreed to join Orient on Friday, he insisted on a clause in his contract that would allow him to leave if an FA Carling Premiership club came in for him.

Fiore struck a dipping 25

saw Payne clear off the line

after Morgan had missed his

corner. Payne's contribution justified Macclesfield's deci-

sion to play 15 minutes of the first half without him while he

season, achieved through goals by Griffiths, McGleish and Arnott, was overshadowed not only by Shilton's presence. Griffiths's reckless challenge on Perry sparked a mass brawl near the dugouts that ended in the Orient striker's dismissal, and O'Halloran, on his Cardiff debut after joining from Middlesbrough on loan, was later dismissed for handling.

wipe the smile off the face of Barry Hearn, the Orient chairman, who knows that goalkeeping legends and pound signs are not far removed (the gate was up more than 500, and December 22 promises a bonanza.) "We're going to change the entrance music to When I'm 64, because Peter thinks he will still be playing then." Hearn said. "He's the consummate professional, and for Orient it's a marriage made in heaven."

othing, though, could

LEYTON CREENT (3-4-1-2): P Sheton — M Warren, A Amott, Ff Joseph — I Hendon, M Ling, J Chemining, D Nayor — C Griffiths — S McGleeth, Isub S Wincton, 77mm), C West (sub: P Gerland, 57) West (SUC: *Captains, 3r).

CARDIFF CITY (3-1-4-2): A Bliot — J Peny,
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O'Halbran, C Middelon, J Fowler, J Cardner (sub: M Bennen, 63) — C Dale, S White,
Refereer: R Styles.

Slough happy to keep pace with the pack

Slough Town... Macclesfield Town

By Walter Gammie

AS BEFITS teams that started in third and second place in the Vauxhall Conference, Slough and Macclesfield produced a fiercely contested tussle at Wexham Park on

Slough dropped into fifth as the resurgent forces of Woking, who drubbed Altrincham 7-1, and Stevenage Borough, 4-1 winners over

Dover Athletic, moved above wastefully missed after a neat them. Yet they will be glad to one-two with Fiore. emerge from a trough of injuries and suspensions still yard shot, which was tipped in the leading pack.
Their most notable absenover by Morgan, and then

tees were Mark West and Gary Abbott, the forward pairing. They were replaced by Cliff Hercoles and Mike Murphy, 19, who was making his debut.

had a head wound patched. Hercules was as surprised The main impetus in attack as anyone to find himself onfor Macelesfield was supplied side five minutes before halfby the eager running of Coates, a substitute. Yet it was time when standing clear of the defence, but he lobbed the a 25-yard drive from Sorvel hall wide. Murphy then that brought the best out of

shot over the bar.

Much of the rest was a tale of no-quarter-given challenges and loudly-voiced upset over the refereeing that brought bookings for Fiore and Clement, of Slough, and Eadey. Power and Coates, of Macclesfield.

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MACCLESFIELD TOWN (4-4-2): P Morgan

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Wood, N Mitchell — J Askey, P Power (sub:
C Williams, 81).

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Tey 103-GUNNESS EUROLEAGUE (second round, Manchester Velocirome): 25-lap scratch: 1, T Depeuter (Sherd): 2, W Wright (Cardiff): 3, C Marten (Sherd): Ten-minute motor-packed (match A): 1, A Box (Ansterderri): 2, J Cay (Manchester): 3, N Cardiff (London). Ten-minute motor-packed (match B): 1, R van Donst (Amsterdern): 2, J Cays, 3, J Dreaners (Sherd). Klometre Madtson TI: 1, M Ghiyesthok and T Depeuter (Sherd): 100,716; 3, J Morsel and M ven Hesewijk (Amsterdern): 1:02.57; Pive-station pursuit: 1, C Passe: (Sherd): 2, C Ball (London): 3, J Notley, Devil take the Hindmost: 1, J Hargreaves: 2, T Depeuter.

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5-2 linv. 7 min 1.35 1, Balannak (14-1); 2, Karahi (13-2); 3, Mytton'e Choice (9-4 ji-tav) Domespel 9-4 ji-

paire 2-1 fav (pu) 7 ran. NR: Chef Rager. 2.25 1; Rovestar (5-1 tay); 2. Stoam (14-1); 3, Mr Popoleton (7-1); 4, Color Coursellor (5-1); 17 ran. NR: Nans Lucy, Satts. 3.05 1; Plight Lieuterant (5-1); 2, Scottish Bernis. (5-2); 3, Restar's Mil. (50-1). Extency Profiles 2-1 tay (1). 10 am 3.35 1, Lord Foley (3-1); 2, Zander (5-1); 3, Trishram's Image (6-4 tay) 16 ran. NR: Clinking.

WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 1, Pressier (7-4 lan); 2, Selberry (5-2); 3, More, The Capate (32-1), 9 ran. 7.95 1, Selberry (52-1); 2, HB Farth Olincar (3-5); 3, Phony-Danber (5-5 lan); 7, ran. (H-Poels Crain)

12 ren. 8.30 1. Nikita's Star (10-1); 2, Tart (5-1); 3, Tassue Of Lies (6-1). Heart 9-4 fee 7 ren 9.00 1, Showget (15-2); 2, kightning Bott (4-6 fax); 2, Chilling (33-1), 6 fen. 9.30 1. Napler Star (6-1); 2, Alaz (8-1); 3, Hich Mayestic (8-1) Superbit 2-1 terv. 12 ren. NT: Bestitut Brave.

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Dencer (9-4), 3, Blue Charm (8-1), 10 ran, 1, 10 1. Agistment (100-30); 2, Hand Woven (2-1 tat); 3, Miltery Academy (4-1), 25 ran, 1,45 1. Turning This (7-4 tat); 2, Road By The River (33-1); 3, Alf's Albi (9-2), 9 ran, NP. Astings, No Pein No Gain, 2,15 1, Space Thurder (5-2); 2, Castle Sweep (11-8 tat); 3, Deto Ster (5-2), 8 ran NP: Alderbrook, Romanicer (3-1); 2, Page (3-1); 3, Tasse (3-1); 4, 5 ran, 2,30 1, Napler Ster (6-1); 2, Algar (8-1); 3, 16 th Material Ster (6-1); 2, Algar (8-1); 3, 16 th Material Ster (8-1); 2, Algar (8-1); 3, 16 th Material Ster (8-1); 2, Algar (8-1); 3, 16 th Material Ster (8-1); 2, Algar (8-1); 3, 16 th Material Ster (8-1); 2, Algar (8-1); 3, 16 th Material Ster (8-1); 2, Algar (8-1); 3, 16 th Material Ster (8-1); 2, Algar (8-1); 3, 16 th Material Ster (8-1); 2, Algar (8-1); 3, 16 th Material Ster (8-1); 2, Algar (8-1); 3, 16 th Material Ster (8-1); 3, 16 th Material Ster (8-1); 3, 17 th Material Ster (8-1); 3, 18 th Material Ster (8-1); 3, 18 th Material Ster (10-1); 2, 18 th 2.45 1, Eastly Joker (4-1); 2, Deep Decision (10-1); 3, Affadeer (5-2 tav). 10 rsm. NR: 3.15 1, Circus Line (2-1 tar); 2, Done Well (11-2); 3, Shining Edge (11-1), 10 ran.

HAYDOCK PARK 1.10 1, Shenevogh (9-1); 2, Swambister (10-1); 3, Rangithei (11-2), Hurdante 11-8 fav. 16 van. Force.
2.40 1, Persons Boy (13-8; Richard Evens's rapp); 2, Class Of Ninelyavo (11-8 fav); 3, High Pacts (7-1) 5 ran.
3.10 1, Oat Couture (10-1); 2, Nelyaari (6-1); 3, Gerolo (100-30), Bold Boss 15-8 fav. 6 ran.

12.40 1, Ask The Butler (5-1); 2, Ann's Desire (25-1); 3, Dight For Gold (20-1), Eduardo 5-4 lev. 25 pen. NR: Mattoria, Supreme Aliemos. 1.10 1, Bernagesra Boy (4-1 [l-lav]; 2. Scobie Boy (12-1); 3, Perkrepp (4-1 [l-lav]. Filtysevenchannels 4-1 [l-lav. 12 ran. 1.40 1, Interbond (11-8 lav), 2, Palette (14-1); 3, Noble Thyne (13-8), 7 ran, NR Step On Eyre. Eyre. 2.10 1, Dorania Prida (5.4 law); 2, See More Business (5-2); 3, Executive Options (14-1), 8 ren. NR: The Latvian Lark. 2.40 1, Large Action (9-4); 2, Cockney Led (5-1); 3, Thentemorid (6-4 law), 8 ren. 3.10 1, load Hortey (8-1); 2, Gravity Gets (16-1); 3, Sering Bond (9-4 law); 4, Bolero Dancer (18-1), 21 ran. NR: Dromara Breeze. 3.40 1, Devenport Banquet (5-4 law); 2, Arafocalette (9-2); 3, Pari Passu (8-1), 23 ran. NR: Kätouche 3.40 1, Anzum (13-2); 2, Burnt Imp (5-1 (t-lax); 3, Daily Boy (5-1 (t-lax), 12 ran.

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Bedford 2; Pickwich 2 West Bromwich 1.
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1; Winchester 0. Southermpton 0 West:
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division: Clevedon 1 Bath Buccanears 2 Robinsons 2 Llan and Llan 3; Swansea Taunton Vale 0; Weston-super-Mare Bristol University 2. NORTHERIN LEAGUE: First division: Ben Rhydding 3 Soutrport 2: Formby 2 Chester 2: Neston 5 Ramgarhia 0; Sheffield Bankers 3: Timperley 1; Springfields 1: Norton 7;

CTZ DEBENHAM THORPE LEAGUE-Premier division: Blossomfield 1 North Notis 6: Blowlich 3 Nieslas 2: Coverby and North Marwicshim 1 Loughbrough Stu-dents 5: Harborne 5 Often and West Warwickshire 1. Pastponed: Hampton-In-Arden v Nottingham.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL INDOOR LEA-GUE: Insights Menzieshill 7 Grange 2; MiM 5 Torbrex Wanderers 5; D end T Gord-oriers 6 Clba Kelburne 3; Ind E George Western 13 Inverteith 1; MiM 6 Grange 3; Indepts Menzieshill 13 Torbrex Wenderers 2; Indespension Western 6 Clba Kelburne 5; D and T Gordonians 4 Inverteith 5.

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SRU LINDES-18 INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: Scottish Bordess 5 Caledonia 5 (at Hawlid); Glasgow 31 Edinburgh 24 (at Bradforkin); Glasgow 32 Edinburgh 25 Leinlesde 31 Earnburgh 25 Herrogate 17. Yesterday; Cambom 15 Redmith 10. Cancellact Aspetinosa 48 Saracens 32 Mesqui 17. Yesterday; Cambom 16 Redmith 10. Cancellact Aspetinosa 49 Northern Sanda v Hufflonians; Stouthridge v Wolverhampson. International match

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Shortage of world class on the Cardiff stage prevents Campese bowing out in style

Australia fail to match their own highest standards

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE southern hemisphere three, the northern hemisphere nil. A weekend of international rugby has brought three sides representing the southern powers to Europe and still the gap in class is evident, even if genuine class was in short supply at the National Stadium, Car-

The curious thing about this match, however, was that, while celebrations should be greeting an unbeaten Australian tour - only the Barbarians at Twickenham next Saturday can stop them now - instead their is regret at their apparent regression from the heights of 1984 and

was not the departure that David Campese would have wanted. Happy that the team, which he has always placed before the individual. had won in his lolst and last international, Campese at least turned the jeers of the retreating Welsh crowd of 44,000 to cheers as he made his final bow.

The jeers, in any case, were as much for the match officials as for a game as disappointing as the one at Twickenham on Saturday was uplifting. Iain Ramage, in his first international, appeared at times to be playing to a different set of laws, notably where the knock-on and the ruck were

For all that, Australia nearly contrived to concede a position of comparative comfort: from 18-6 up at the interval then 18-9, they camped on the Wales line and then chose to run three penalties in succession rather than kick at goal. From the third, a switch

went horribly wrong and started this tour trying to Thomas cantered IOO metres develop a mauling style of

for an interception try.
When Jonathan Davies kicked the conversion and added his fourth penalty goal, a minor sporting miracle had been achieved and Wales were in front, despite being over-whelmed in the lineout and beaten for loose ball. This has truths, however, in Bordeaux, at Twickenham and now in Cardiff, where that most unromantic of scores, a penalty try. finally ensured victory for

If anyone had the right to celebrate it was David Giffin. whose feats in the Super 12 this year pushed him to prominence. This was his first international and, together with the veteran Tim Gavin, he eclipsed the Welsh lineout to such an extent that the return of Jonathan Davies

Barbarian brilliance ... Rowell's problems

seemed irrelevant, so little ball passed through his hands. The little stand-off half rewarded an enthusiastic Wales start with an angled penalty goal in only the second minute before the Australians imposed themselves: Burke, with Giffin the outstanding player on the field, levelled matters then went one better by snatching a try from under leuan Evans's disbelieving nose. Evans believed a midfield knock-on had occurred but play went on, Howard ped to the corner Burke zoomed under Evans's arms for the

touchdown. When Brial peeled off a lineout maul to score in the corner, the outlook seemed ominous for Wales, who had already lost Taylor to injury. his place going to the newcomplay, are turning to another with which they have yet 10 come to terms. It seems allied to old-style English play, much of it revolving around Horan from inside centre, but at this stage it has too much sideways drift. Australia, too, are prev to the new fashion of ignoring kicks at goal in the interests of gaining a lineout deep in the opposing 22. From one such

kick from Campese, spinning beautifully into touch one metre short of the Wales line, Brial gained his try, but there are times when it seems a wasted opportunity. Even so, Australia's com-

mand seemed immutable, the emergence of Jenkins another inconvenience for Wales. Yet the galloping Thomas gave them new heart, and when Finegan was penalised for stamping and Davies kicked the goal. Wales had more than pride to play for.

To Australia's credit, they regrouped and camped in the Wales 22. Finegan was over the line but Howley, underneath him, prevented the try. A collapsed scrum might have earned a penalty try for Australia and when Giffin was upended at a lineout. Burke's non-kicking foot slipped and the resultant penalty attempt flew wide. It was all mere deferment.

Wales offended once more at a ruck and Burke made amends. The full back then cantered towards the line and, if this had been a fairy story. he would have seen Campese on his right and sent him in for a valedictory try. But Burke turned inside and was hauled down centimetres short. Finegan was called back and finally a Wales scrum, retreating fast, caved in and the referee pointed to the posts for the score that made Australia safe.

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Davies, back in the Wales No 10 shirt, had few opportunities to impress against Australia in Cardiff yesterday. Photographs: Julian Herbert

Welsh failings deny Davies the breaks

changed that much since Jonathan Davies went into exile, those eight years ago. Not even the rugby messiah, as his scrum-half Robert Howley had termed him, can play without the ball. Indeed, as he spent much of the first half chasing shadows or with the head of Michael Brial, the Australia No 8, driving into his midriff, Davies must have wondered if league and union had not somehow fused into one game without

anyone telling him.

For the most part of a strangely anti-climactic afternoon at the Arms Park, it was the deep-chested tackling skills learnt on chilling afternoons in Widnes rather than the art of dummy and run perfected in the valleys that kept Davies alive. When he returns to his other life, as development officer of the Welsh Rugby Union, this morning, his first memo might have something to do with finding a back-row of athletes to match the best of the southern hemisphere and a lock who can catch the ball. Poor old Derwyn Jones, built like a giraffe and with handling to match.

Yet, somewhere in the mayhem, Davies's influence could Andrew Longmore watches the Cardiff stand-off half make a solid if unspectacular return to international rugby union

be felt. A matter of an old head on old shoulders. While his team streaked out onto the field, Davies jogged out, tenth in line, with all the assurance of a man who knows he will need every ounce of his energy closer to tea-time

During the singing of the anthems, the ritual Davies said he was anticipating most eagerly, the stand-off half stood stock still, bandaged hands clasped firmly behind his back, his eyes searching for his wife, Karen, and his eight-year-old son in the

There is no doubt his pres ence quickened the step of of the crowd flowing past the Taff, those who have been used to approaching the nat-ional stadium in recent years with all the enthusiasm of a funeral march. Outside, on the streets around the stadium, there was a glimmer of faith and a whiff of hope. In the mind's eye of the faithful, at last Wales had someone behind the scrum who knew what he was doing. And if that is cruel to a bost of

successors, not least Neil Jen-

kins, then blame Barry John and Phil Bennett, men who had elevated the No 10 jersey to the status of national monument. The weight had buried

Arwel Thomas. Despite the eight-year gap, the advancing age, the personal trauma of illness to both his wife and, more recently, his father-in-law, little on the rugby field would be new to the revived Davies.

It was for his experience, his infectious assurance, that the



Wales coach, Kevin Bowring. turned once more to the familiar, bouncing, figure. In that sense, he let no one down. In the welter of publicity that had accompanied his return to international rugby union, Davies had spoken with cus-

paternal air of having seen it ıll before. While immune neither to the depression that has settled over the valleys since his departure to rugby league in 1989, nor the unrealistic hopes of his people, Davies represents an altogether brighter

era. At least the Welsh then

tomary eloquence of the ex-

pectations heaped upon him.

Equally, he had talked with a

had a stand-off half to stand alongside the best. Some rhythms have survived the travels. Yesterday, his kicking was unruffled: a long, hard look at the ball, a dainty move to the left and a gentle parabola through the posts. Five kicks out of five. Otherwise, it was a case of damage limitation. Davies's tactical kicking, such as it was, seemed rusty. The dummy is

still in the locker, but the pace

at the end of it has understandably been lost to time. He can see the gaps, anticipate the dangers, but takes a little longer to arrive at the scene of the crime these days.

That Australia did not turn the Davies comeback into a rout, every bit as embarrassing as the previous five meetings, was down to some stubborn defence, some disruptive refereeing and a lack of incisiveness by their backs. The one time David Campese had a chance of crowning his 101st and last international with a try. Burke, the Australia full-back, looked the other

So, these two great warriors, had to make do with a handshake and an embrace at the end. It would be naive to suggest that Davies is anything more than a stop-gap and his almost distracted air suggested he knew as much. Only at half-time, when reading the riot act to the Wales side, did he seem fully involved. But then no one thought he would get this far after ending last season on Cardiff's bench. The British Isles tour beckons in the summer. Davies might not be able to resist a nightcap. It depends if the taste for one last triumph still remains.

Queensland's young guns hand out lesson

Campese was a peripheral figure in his final appearance

Queensland ..

By PAUL TROW

NOT all the Queensland side were as youthful as their 17-year-old centre, Lachlan Grant, but they had a collective spring in their step that a makeshift London line-up, comprising mainly third-division players, were unable to match. As one wag at Sunbury put it: "It was men against boys, and the men didn't stand a

Queensland scored ten tries and conceded one, right at the end. The result meant that Queensland, at best a second-choice squad with so many of their first team on duty with the senior Australia tour party, had completed a clean sweep of victories from their four outings in the Counties of Origin series.

From the moment their loose-head prop, Glen Panoho, went over for a try in the opening minute, the sparse but vociferous crowd were in no doubt as to what the result would be. Shane Drahm. Queensland's quicksilver, 19-year-old, stand-off half, duly slotted the first of his seven successful conversions and the Australians were on their way.

Tim Stoddart, the Queensland hooker, scored the second try after ten minutes, but the visitors only led 14.9 halfway through the first half after three successful penalty kicks from Craig Raymond, the London Welsh stand-off half.

The last 20 minutes of the first half, however, was a period of almost uninterrupted possession for Queensland and it was no surprise that during that spell they accumulated a

further 26 points. Andrew Coombe, the flanker, opened the floodgates and there were also tries for Damien Mcinally, Drahm and Mark Gabey, the No 8, who often doubles up as a lock forward and who was also involved in the other incident of note during the first half when he found himself engaged in a bout of "handbags" with Nick Oldham. Ashley Rowden, the referee, showed the yellow card to

The rest of the game was played in a friendly spirit, but that is not to say that it was not physically demanding. By the 65th minute, London had used all six of their replacements, and Britten Pearce, their No 8, who had been tactically substituted before the interval, was forced to return to the

Within five minutes of the restart, London seemed likely to be submerged under an avalanche of points, with Queensland's centres, Grant and James Sullivan, each running in a try. Strangely, though, especially as they were much the fitter side, Queensland appeared to lose their competitive edge, scoring only two further tries, a second for Panoho and a late effort by his fellow prop, John Watkins. London, who battled bravely to the end despite being outgunned and outclassed. were rewarded when Pearce ground-

ed their lone try in the last minute. Afterwards, John Connolly, the Oueensland coach, criticised his side's lack of second-half punch, and added: "I was disappointed we didn't have stronger opposition, but you can only play whoever turns up. This tour has been in place for 12 months so everyone knew we were coming."

SCORERS: London Counties: Tries: Pearca. Conversions: Reymond. Penalty goals: Raymond (3). Queensians: Tries: Panoho (2). Coornie, Darhm, Gabey, Grant, Michally, Stoddent, Sullvan, Walkins. Conversions: Doshm (7). Dramin, Ganey, Craint, Michaely, Scoolert, Susivari, Watkins, Corpressions, Drahm (7).

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Midlanders crushed by power play

By Our Sports Staff

MARIUS GOOSEN scored four tries as South Africa A crushed Midland Counties 62-7 at Coventry yesterday, their biggest win of their 12-match tour of Great Britain and Ireland. Their impressive allround display was somewhat marred in the closing stages when Jannie Coetzee, a flanker, was sent off for swinging wild punches in a

The South Africans brushed aside the home side's gallant efforts with ease. Goosen scored tries in the first minute of each half and had a hat-trick by half-time, when South Africa A led 41-0. They lifted their foot off the pedal in the second half, when the Midlands managed to exert some pressure, but their only score was a penalty try awarded for a late tackle on Wayne Kilford, the Midlands' full back, which Jez Harris, the stand-

off half, converted. The South Africans carried too much pace, power and physical strength for their opponents and ran in ten tries, with Louis Koen, their stand-off half, converting six of them. They rocked the Midlanders right from the first whistle and were 12 points ahead within three minutes.

Goosen sprinted over inside 60 seconds and then Koen converted a try near the posts after an electrifying break by Dowie du Toit, the full back. The match was more or less over for the Midlands at that stage, though they stuck gamely to their task and tackled enthusiastically to the end.

Lanelli signed Robert Card, the Canada international, last night. Card, 22, from Vancouver, arrives at Stradey Park on a two-year deal as a potential replacement for Jonathan Griffiths, the former Wales international, who moved to Tenby United last week.

North no match for Argentina's speed

Argentina XV ...

By Christopher Irvine

WEARILY and predictably, the discredited Counties of Origin series concluded on a humiliating note for the depleted North Counties at Huddersfield yesterday, whipping boys for an indulgent Argentina XV. A ten-try victory completed Argentina's grand slam of the four English

divisions, a simple feat given the low standard of opposition. Despite the uneasy peace that now exists between the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) and the Rugby Football Union (RFU), the politics of stripping the divisions of their best players still meant the North was a pale shadow of the side it should have

Apart from the New Zealand Barbarians, the North had been expected to run Queensland, South Africa A and Argentina close. Instead, four hefty defeats in 12 days have disllusioned a once-proud division, which in its heyday upset New Zealand and Australia.

The McAlpine Stadium at Huddersfield staged three of the matches but together they attracted fewer than 5,000 customers. If this is the future of professionalism, there is no future, and certainly not one for the divisions. Again, yesterday, the mostly junior and second-team players who stepped into the breach toiled bravely, but they were heavily punished by opponents altogether stronger, faster and more proficient.

Argentina have scored 242 points in four outings without breaking sweat. As preparation for the international against England on Saturday week, the matches have been no guide. A problem for the Pumas is that they have yet to encounter opposition who can tackle. As the second-string team will play in the only meaningful game, against England A, four days before the England

be badly exposed at Twickenham. Even a denuded North asked enough questions about Argentina's defence, temperament and discipline to suggest these problems could

manifest themselves at a higher level. But there was always their speed to get them out of any trouble and, although the home side kept reason able pace for 25 minutes, they inevitably ran out of steam.

Despite the concession of early tries by Viel and Bouza, his first, the North were undaunted. Stabler landed the first of four successful goal attempts, including one penalty from 45 metres. Monaghan was quick and alert to touch down Stabler's angled kick through, but the good work was undone as Thompson missed Soler, who chipped over the head of Massey for his first score.

Argentina ended the first half with a flourish. Simone shrugged off three tackles for a fine individual score, Giannantonio wrestled his way to the line, and Soler side-stepped Massey for the sixth. Stabler's penalty at the start of the

second half was the North's last scoring contribution. They engineered some good positions, only to surrender them. Solari was unmarked for his two tries, Grau scored at the bottom of a rolling maul and Bouza peeled off the scrum to round off the North's black day.

SCORERS: North Countles: Try: Monaghan Conversion: Stabler, Penetry goals: Stabler (3) Argentina XV: Tries: Bouze (2), Soler (2), Solar (2), Viel, Simone, Gannentonio, Grau. Conversions:

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ARGENTINA XV: D Germentonio: S Soler, E Simone, L Arbzu (capten), T Solen; J Caley, N Mirande; M Reggiardo, O Hesen, M Ledesma, G Garcie, I Lobbe, G Lanes, C Viet, P Bouza, Garnan replaced by R Perez (12); Lobbe replaced by R Grau (39).
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RUGBY UNION: CAPTAIN INSPIRATIONAL AS SOUTH AFRICA REGISTER FOURTH SUCCESSIVE VICTORY



Benetton's desperate tackle cannot prevent South Africa from launching another attack during their triumph against France in Bordeaux. Photograph: Bob Edme

Teichmann mounts French blockade

South Africa

FROM BARNEY SPENDER IN BORDEAUX

FRANCOIS PIENAAR was always going to be a difficult act to follow, but Gary Teichmann, the new South Africa captain, seems to have done it. While Pienaar has stayed at home, Teichmann has quietly picked up the public relations baton and carried it confidently through Argentina and France.

More important for his country, victory at Parc Lescure here on Saturday means that he has now delivered four successive victories in international matches for South Africa, including one against the

This latest success came on the back of a superb first-half display,

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Africa defence showed exactly where the French lorry drivers learnt their blockade tactics. The French midfield were left wincing from the strength of the tackles that they came up against.

In both halves, the Zimbabweborn Teichmann was in the thick of things. It was his dummy in the fifth minute that created the space for Henry Honiball and André Joubert to put away James Small, the right wing, for his side's first

Then, in the second half, with the French camped on the South Africa line, came the moment and the tackle that turned the game irrevocably against France.

Abdel Benazzi, who took time to warm to the captaincy, drove from close range over the South African line, but Teichmann was there, and he hit him with such force as to take which put them 19-6 up, and a him back five metres and concede

the scrummage. There were echoes of the World Cup semi-final in Durban last year, where Benazzi was stopped just inches short of the

The South Africa No 8 did not, of course, fashion this win exclusively. The locks, Kobus Wiese and Mark Andrews, dominated the inexperienced French pair, while Honiball, the stand-off half, controlled the game well and also kicked four penalties. Honiball, who is built like a loose

forward, was particuarly savage in defence, where he lived up to his nickname of Lem - the Afrikaans word for blade - with a series of scything tackles that scattered a number of French attacks.

Joubert also had a gern of a game, his line-kicking tormenting Richard Dourthe all afternoon and his pace, which is still sharp for a 33-year-old, giving him the edge in the race to touch down Small's clever chip for South Africa's second try, in the 28th minute. That South Africa did not go on

to administer a more decisive beating was partly a result of the side relaxing at half-time, and partly because the French suddenly remembered that passion and gumption also had a role to play. With the ball getting more slippery, South Africa allowed four

turnovers from their own lineout ossession at the start of the second half, and from that point on the French gained considerably in

Dourthe pulled back a couple of penalties to reduce the deficit to seven points, but even then France never really looked like scoring a

Missing six regulars, it is easy to make excuses, but there can rarely have been a time when a France side had so much ball and so little. idea of what to do with it. It is difficult to see where they can improve for the second international, next week, but this may well

Philippe Sella" campaign. Their only plan was for the forwards to charge en masse for the line, but it takes a more sophisticated key to unlock this South Africa defence, and when that did not work, they had nothing else to

signal the start of the "bring back

Campion tackle the domination of independents

THE Campion School, in Hornthurch, Essex, is a rare beacon of consistent rugby union excellence in state education. The domination of independent schools in the sport can be shown by the fact that, of the 22 members of the English schools squad last season, only six came from the maintained sector.

The Campion School has provided a continuous flow of players into elite rugby in recent years. Damian Cronin and Tony Diprose were both educated there, as were seven of the present Saracens first-team squad. Quarter-finalists in the Daily Mail national knockout cup last season, they were semi-finalists in the two previous years. This season, playing in the St Joseph's Festival at Ipswich, they beat both Glantaf, the Welsh champions, and Campbell College, the Irish champions, before losing to Colston's, the English champions. Seven of the present team are in the Eastern

Counties schools squad. Last Thursday, Campion defeated Mill Hill 43-8 in the national knockout tournament and are now

through to the fourth round. It was, perhaps, the tiring mental and physical effect of that game that took the edge off their performance at Hampton School on Saturday, when they had to rouse themselves in the second half to

After the school was founded in 1962, there was a deliberate policy to focus on rugby rather than football in order to achieve regional prominence. Steve Timbs, an old boy and master in charge at Hampton for the past 15 years, said: "Even if a school were good at football it would be anonymous because so many others play that game, particularly in that area. Rugby was what got the Campion School to be well-known."

Masters, particularly John Davies, the former London Welsh player, have made a sizeable contribution.

Chris Jones, the master in charge of rugby, said: "There is massive enthusiasm for the game at the school. Everyone is concerned how the first XV got on the previous

The school, of 800 boys, has built up a strong fixture list despite the difficulty of finding opposition. Jones said: "However, we are always up against the tradition of breaking the mould of public school fixtures." To reinforce their programme, they tour abroad every third year and will visit Australia next summer.

Hampton always suffer from the disadvantage of the 970 boys being pulled in three directions during the winter; rugby, football and rowing (Greg and Jonny Searle both went to the school and Martin Cross, another Olympic champion, teaches there). In any one year group of 150 boys, 25 will play rugby. 25 will row and 100 will play football.

As Timbs graphically put it: "If I had had the first eight [rowing] available we might get more ball in lineouts." Still, Hampton have won 11 of their 14 regular fixtures this

Jones said: "We were chasing the game today. Normally we are very organised, we know what we are doing in every situation. But we were disjointed, sometimes took the wrong options and lost our shape.

"However, this team has the potential to be very good when everything gels together. The boys are well-motivated and Jon Skurr has matured into a good captain."

Timbs thought that it had been a strangely muted game. They had much more of the territory. We played better rugby but in the end paid for the looseness in the second

Hampton went ahead with a penalty goal landed by Andrew Beattie, the No 8, who was to prove a danger throughout the game. Pat Hinchin then scored a try for the Campion School, only for Toby Drinkwater to restore Hampton's

John Brickell kicked a penalty for the visiting team to make the score 8-8 at half-time. Simon Amor nimbly dropped a goal in the 52nd minute to put Hampton ahead again, only for disorder in their defence to cost them the game in the 64th minute, when Luke Maguire evaded two tackles to touch down.

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Durable Kendal fly in face of adversity

Kendai.

By MICHAEL AYLWIN

SEVERAL northern clubs are becoming well acquainted with adversity, but few cope

with it quite so well as Kendal did on Saturday. In four years. the Cumbria side have never had a home tie in the Pilkington Cup and, this time, they had to travel to Exeter for their fourth-round clash.

For their part, Exeter, who are above Kendal in the the league, in third position, were more than 300 miles away and had lost only two home games in the last 18 months, one of which was in the same round of the cup last year, to a team called Leicester. The prospects, therefore, looked bleak ectively, particularly in the penalties respectively, and, for Kendal but they overcame second half, when they with Mike Healey having the odds with a hearty perfor-If Kendal had difficulties to

cope with, so too did Exeter. Seven of their first team were required to turn out for Western Counties against Argentina in midweek and two of those had to miss this game because of resultant injuries. Meanwhile, the other five must have been mighty tired if this performance was any-

thing to go by.

The players that fleetingly caught the eye were invariably on the Exeter team, but their collective efforts were shapeless and they seemed incapacoherent passages of play. Kendal, on the other hand, channelled their energies effmauled Exeter into submission.

Exeter finally woke from their slumber in the last five minutes and scored two tries, through Mark Woodman and Full results and

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Richard John, but by then Kendal had opened up an 18-0 lead. Eleven of those points were scored during their period of dominance in the second half, and each score was founded upon the strength of their forwards. Slater and Hudson were the beneficiaries, with a try and two

snatched an easy try in the first half, Kendal were safe from the Exeter revival.

Kendal's relentless pilgrimage in the cup now continues into the next round, where they have to travel to highflying Coventry of division two. Surely that will be a mission too far.

SCORIERS: Exeter: Tries: Woodmen, John Conversion: Green. Kendet: Tries: Heeley, Sister Conversion: Hudson. Pen-alty goals: Hudson (2).

EXETER: J Pabler: M Woodman, A Turner, J Thomas, S Doyle: A Green, R John; R Gibbins, M Woodlorton, W Reed, J Batchelor, J Hudson, R Bader, R Hutchan-son, M Cathery, Woodlorton replaced by K Brouking (Birnin); Thomas replaced by M Webb (74).

KENDAL, J Hudson; K Moore, P Dodds, M Healey, J Stater, D Bell, M-Alray, B Coron, J Nicholson, N Pearson, C Wolstenholme, J Bracker, K Robinson, I Downham, M Boleman,

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Warntckstrag (at Lifestral). FA Premier
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Oddodshre (at Bracknell Town).

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Wiretham (7.45): Burn v Preston (7.45).
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RUGBY UNION ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 1A: Bristol 4 FOOTBALL

FUROPEAN CLIP CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE: Group A: Auserie v Rangers (at
Albé-Descherings Stadium); GC Zunch v
Ajax (at' Lebdigund' Stadium); Group B:
Adelico Madrid v Widzew Lodz (at Vicente
Caldeium Stadium); Bonusse Dontmund v
Stealus Bucharest (at Westhalerstadion)
Group C: Juventus v Fenerbargo (at Delle
Api, Stadium); Repuid Venna v Manchester
United (at Gerhard-Harsago) Stadium);
Group, D: AC Million v Rosentoring (at
Glueppe Meatza, Stadium). IFK, Gothenburg v FC Porno (at Camita Ullien) Stadium)
FA CARLING PREMERSHIP. Arsanel v
Southampton (7.45); West Harn v. Aston
Villa (7.45).
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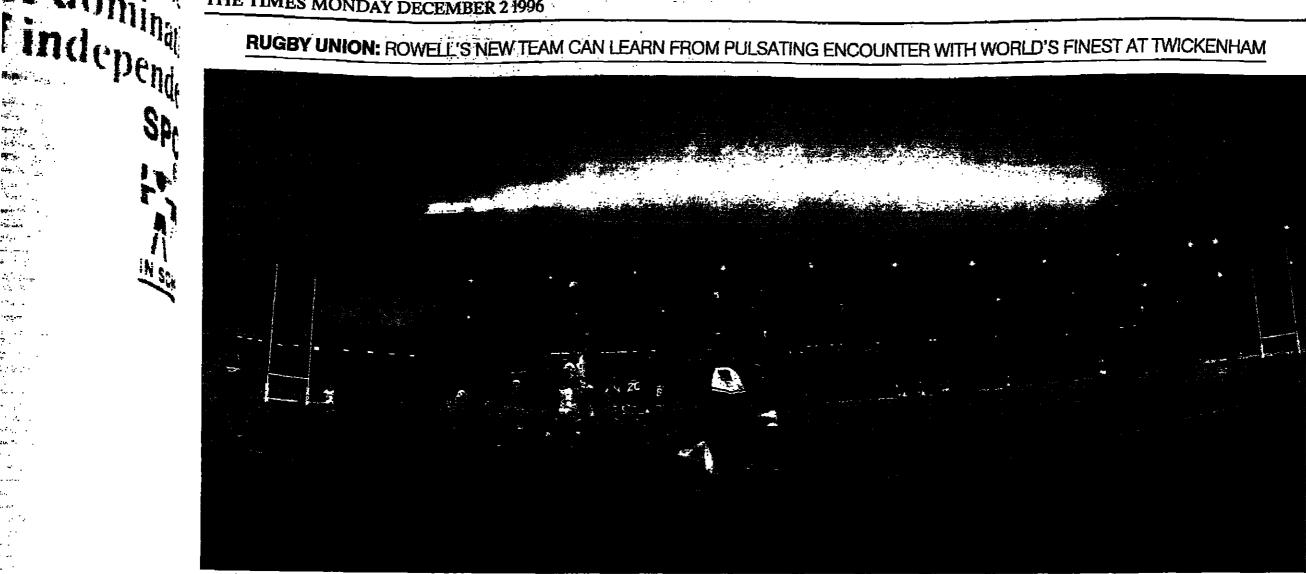
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RUGBY UNION: ROWELL'S NEW TEAM CAN LEARN FROM PULSATING ENCOUNTER WITH WORLD'S FINEST AT TWICKENHAM



A capacity crowd of 75,000 watched England and the New Zealand Barbarians light up Twickenham on Saturday with a memorable match that featured six tries. Photographs: Marc Aspland

Barbarians show England the task ahead

England . NZ Barbarians...

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THERE will be an early opportunity to evaluate what England have gained from defeat at Twickenham on Saturday. The cold water thrown over them by the men from the real rugby world should mean a hardening of heart and elevation of standards against Argentina on December 14, if only to demonstrate to the players themselves that they have learnt from failure.

Failure in this match was. however, relative, If even Sean Fitzpatrick, the New Zealand captain, could admit that the intensity resembled that of a full international, then England could take pride in much that they did. It was a hugely satisfying manner in which to celebrate the Rugby Football Union's 125th anniversary, both for the ebb and flow, the contrasting styles and, in the end, the finesse of

"I was really pleased with the way England entered into the spirit of the game," Fitzpatrick said. What England entered was the world of modern international rugby, which is a world away from the static, stereotyped game that won them the five nations' championship last season. The challenge of the new year will be to ensure that they are not dragged back into the old world by that very championship, that the passing game that finally foun-dered under the pressure of the

Barbarian defence can be sustained. In Martin Johnson and Simon Shaw, they already look to have a pair of locks that will go down as one of the great second-row pairings: Johnson's qualities are well known, though he surpassed even himself in his work around the field on Saturday. Shaw, with only one full cap, shows such athleticism for a big man that every aspiring lock in the country now knows that, barring injury, the door to promo-tion is closed. Together they will give England a rock on which to build.

prospered, it was instructive to hear John Hart's opinion of the England back row, where Tim Rodber played probably his finest game since the victory over South Africa in Pretoria two years ago. Hart, the New Zealand coach, described them as 'the wrong way round," by which he perceives Rodber to be a No 8 and Lawrence Dallaglio to be a blind-side flanker. Maybe the balance there, as at centre, is a problem Jack Rowell has still to address.

Hart demonstrated an acute sense of timing as his players set about the second-half task of squeezing the life out of England. His own back row required fresh legs, so off

came Taine Randell and on came Dylan Mika. England had the opportunity to do the same when Chris Sheasby went down with a bang on the knee but the Wasp stayed on, confirming Rowell's already-expressed opinion that he is no great supporter of the tactical substitution rule. Yet it is there to be used and, as the game entered its final stage, pace to the ball became

Hart pinpointed that quality of speed as the vital difference between the teams, never demonstrated to better effect than whenever Christian Cullen was in possession or when Andrew Blowers ran away

from Tim Stimpson for his team's third try. "Size is OK but speed, skill and strength are the critical elements in the modern game," Hart said. Speed of thought, too, which is where England were persistently caught out.

Yet some of England's approach play was as good as anything they have produced in recent years: the build-up to the two second-half tries, which carried them to a 19-13 lead, saw well-timed passes putting forwards into space before the killing thrusts — first the width of Gomarsall's pass, which gave Sleightholme his chance, then the intrusion of Dallaglio and Carling's half-break to send Stimpson over.

That they should have achieved that position given the number of times the ball was kicked away from half back was a tribute to the England forwards. There are some fundamentals to the game that cannot be ignored - unromantic things like restarts and touchfinding, and Mike Catt, in particular, fell down on them.

Times without number Cullen. Lomu and Vidiri were given the Fitzpatrick, 33, said. Why indeed. Wigan v H

March 14. No club embraced the principle of summer rugby league better than Bradford, where crowds dou-

first match away to London Broncos, whom they beat twice last season with disputed tries. "It could be easier. but we've got to play them some time." Bobbie Goulding the St Helens captain, said. "We won't be going in cold, though, because hopefully we'll have played two or three games in the Challenge

Wigan Warriors, the title favourites, are at home to Halifax Blue Sox, newly-promoted Salford Reds entertain Castleford Tigers, Paris Saint-Germain visit Sheffield Eagles and Oldham Bears are

Sky Television has dropped Saturday evening fixtures in favour of live Super League matches on Friday and Sunday nights. Early rounds of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, in January and February, form the curtain-raiser to a tenmonth season for leading players. The highlight is the 22-team world club championship and the season culminates in November with a visit by Australia for a threematch series against Great

misdirected kicks and how they prospered. Cullen's speed and bal-

ance are wonderful gifts and they

are matched elsewhere by Mehrtens

and Spencer, two stand-offs whom

every other country would die for.

Mehrtens' shimmy created the void

into which Blowers ran as the

Barbarians, trailing 9-8, increased

the pace of the game at the start of

Then Spencer, the replacement,

erupted through two defenders,

swerved round Gomarsall and

away from Stimpson for a marvel-

lous individual try. Individual? It

has been started by Fitzpatrick's

nose for the loose ball and the

instant support of the forwards for

Yet this was a benchmark for

England. They will have the chance

to measure progress in a year's

time, when many of these Barbar-

ians will be back in their grimmer

national hue, Fitzpatrick, 33, and

the outstanding Michael Jones, 31, among them. "It's a fantastic job, why would you want to give it up?"

the second half.

their captain.

fixtures, the danger next year is from overload. The finish of the Super League season, on August 31, will bring the start of an extended Premiership. The format for the revised competition has still to be finalised, but it could involve all 12 teams. The 23 first and second-division teams will take part in an even lengthier Divisional Premiership when their league commitments end in July.

OPENING WEEKEND: Merch 14, 1997: Bractord v Warrington, Merch 18: Leeds v Olchem; Löndon v St. Helens; Selford v Castledort: Shaffeld v Paris Soit-Commerc



New Zealand's achievements put Rowell's problems in perspective

hen it was over, Michael Jones and Andrew Blowers were joined by Dylan Mika in. a huddle beneath the goal-posts. It seemed at first that they were using each other's bodies to prop themselves up at the end of an intense. draining afternoon, but after a while it became clear that they were offering some kind of prayer for a safe passage and

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prosperous journey.

The year has been a long journey for New Zealand rugby, and the players have come through triumphantly. Winners of the tri-nations series, winners for the first time in a series in South Africa and now winners at Twickenham in a game that had official status in all but name. Barbarians or not, these Kiwis do not play friendlies, even in red shirts.

"The waves, and the power, and the pace" - that was the memory of their play that Jack Rowell took home. Indeed, there were times when Christian Cullen and Andrew Mehrtens were speaking a different language to the more prosaic vocabulary England's players learn by rote.

"i am not depressed at all with our performance," the England coach said through gritted teeth. "We came up against a gifted, well-drilled side and did some good business." English rugby, be said more than once, the way people do when they are not quite sure about something, was heading in the right

direction".

It would be churlish to mark England too harshly on a day when they rediscovered some of the qualities they chose not to parade during the

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Michael Henderson finds the England coach in enigmatic mood at Twickenham

five nations' championship this year. In a glittering, purposeful start to the second half, they responded to the loss of a try by making two of their own, and jolly good ones, for Sleightholme and Stimpson.

Temporarily, the Barbar-ians were rocked, before those piercing incisions in the last ten minutes left England exposed. The fact that Carlos Spencer, a replacement at stand-off half for Mehrtens, was the player with the scal-pel, emphasised the riches that are available to New

John Hart, the Barbarians coach, hardly needed to say that "Mehrtens had a magnificent attacking game," but, in explaining why he pulled him off in favour of Spencer, he did so anyway. "With the intensity of rugby these days, we need all the back-up we can get." Would that England possessed similar imagination and style at half-back, but this is a country that makes a virtue of the pedestrian and

the workaday.
"Ultimately." Hart said. "the game at pace got to England. Our speed and strength showed through today. To win by keeping the pressure on, by using the ball, even when some players were coming up for air, showed a

lot of courage."
Hart spoke with lucidity, a quality that appears to be beyond Rowell, whose obiter dicta remain puzzling. He talks of a future programme that is more "interactive with the southern hemisphere" (in



Ian Jones, the New Zealand lock forward, leaps high to claim lineout ball against England on Saturday

other words England will play teams like New Zealand more often), and refers to 'systematic continuity skills" (swift passing, one supposes). Doing "good business" is a bit odd, too. Does he stand in a corridor before a game, bartering with his opposite

Mehrtens for five of our lot." No doubt Rowell enjoyed a hopped beverage of moderate strength afterwards, before gaining vehicular access to a major highway on the way back to his domestic property. If this is how the England coach addresses the players, then no wonder they cannot spin the ball out quickly

number? "l'il swap you

enough to hurt the opposition. It would help if Rowell showed a bit more humility. Whereas Sean Fitzpatrick, who might he thought to have achieved a bit in his time in rugby, wears his accomplishments with a delicacy that is not always apparent on the field. Rowell is afflicted by a clever-dickery that belittles him in the eyes of others. "I know much more than you." he seems to be saying, "and I don't know why I should bother to explain these things

to dunces." In one respect he was right. "I was delighted with the effort of the players," he said, "and we managed to play the football we aspire to play. We were not pleased to lose by such a margin but they played some cracking football." He may find, some time in the new year, that people hold him to those words.

So come on, England, be bold! You have seen at first hand what a little daring can effect. Let your poison be your

BASKETBALL

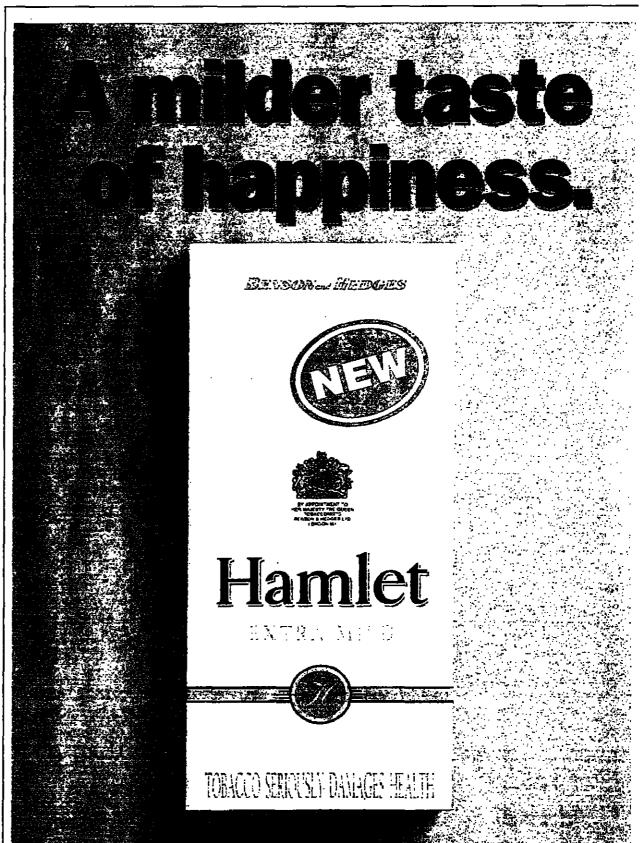
Byrd call fails to inspire Palace

THE next time Alton Byrd, the Crystal Palace coach, threatens to walk out on the squad he may well mean it (Nicholas Harling writes). For, if the Palace players were hoping to persuade Byrd to stay, it took some believing during the team's \$1-68 defeat by Chester

The losing margin was 1) points less than ten days earlier, when defeat by Derby Storm so enraged Byrd that he told his players they could find

He had second thoughts then, but the ease with which Chester inflicted Palace's eleventh defeat in 13 Budweiser

League games will not have helped his peace of mind. With the strength of Ricardo Leonard (26pts) and Billy Singleton (24), Chester ass-embled decisive bursts of 14-2 and 11-3 from which Palace. for all the efforts of Richard Scantelbury (27). never re-



SMOKING CAUSES HEART DISEASE Chief Medical Officers' Warning

RUGBY LEAGUE

Champions hope to make early capital

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ODSAL is an appropriate starting place for the Stones Super League next year, when Bradford Bulls play host toWarrington Wolves on bled last season to more than

An intriguing opening pro-gramme brings St Helens, the champions this year, a testing Cup by then."

away to Leeds Rhinos.

Britain

Rather than a shortage of

Casting around for a challenge

was just a backcast south of the Arctic Circle. in the far northwest of Hudson Bay. Polar bears - to find them, get close to them, write about them — were strictly the order of the day. images of life and death were everywhere. Amid them all was the Inuit boy by the river: the Inuit boy cocooned with his fishing rod.

It was extraordinary to see him there. In that wild and beautiful and cruel place. life was lived at existence level. hand, quite literally, to mouth. Much that moves is food or profit. The most direct means of acquiring them — whether by gun or net — is used. And yet there this young lad was, fishing with rod and line for the sheer pleasure it gave him.

I had seen him out in the estuary the night before, helping to set the nets for the great Arctic char. I had seen him that morning helping to bring them in, fish of 151b and 201b. slashing at the water and the mesh and the light. I had watched him gut maybe a

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Brian Clarke meets a youngster ignoring

his means of survival to experience the thrill of the chase

dozen or so himself, slicing them open and hanging them up to dry. Then he had washed off the gore that had run up his

arms and had gone.

It was evening when I saw him on the river, wearing his smart new windcheater, spinning with a rod and a flashing silver spoon. He was utterly absorbed, his horizons limited to the rod and the water and the cast in hand and to whatever was going on in his mind. There were a couple of char on the rocks behind him. small fish but nice fish nonetheless.

I remember thinking that he could have been any boy fishing anywhere, with one difference. Most lads are not spending the rest of their time

IN PARLIAMENT

fishing to live. I was fascinated that someone in this place. especially someone so young, could be interested in a little rod at all. Everyday contact with char as food, and the detached way all living things were treated, had not rendered him immune to the idea of fishing for fun.

We began to talk. My Inuktitut was nil, his English was fractured but we muddled along. Eventually I got to the question in a way he understood: hadn't he seen enough of fish at work to want to see them at play? "No," he said. "Rod fish

different." Why were rod fish different? He shrugged and smiled. "Rod fish different. I like."

Why didn't he fish in the estuary where the big ones were? "Easy out there. Fish there easy. Like catching in net." But they were big fish. I said. The fish here were little. "Fish there easy. Fish here not so easy." Aha_

I pressed on glimpsing a

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The Inuit boy with his catch of char from the Arctic waters of Canada

angling is reached: the desire

to deceive the most difficult

fish. The final stage, scarcely

an angling stage at all, is a

kind of nirvana. Then the

familiar but puzzling light. Was this his favourite place? "No -- there." He pointed far inland where the low, treeless hills rolled to infinity and beyond. Why there? I asked. "All kinds of fish. Some big fish, too." But not so easy? "No, not so easy."

Well, well. What a turn-up. There are, anglers say, several different stages in a fisherman's life. At first, usually when young, they discovers water and just want to go fishing, but the rituals of casting and float-watching are enough. Then the need to get something — anything burns. Very soon it is necessary to catch a lot. Then to catch the biggest fish becomes important. Eventually the most sophisticated stage of

> angler simply wants to "go fishing" again. One of the last things I had expected to find in this raw place was an Inuit fishing for pleasure and not for food. Absolute-

had expected was a lad in whom the need to catch big fish for their own sakes had been superseded by the wish to catch difficult fish. No doubt circumstances had driven him to reach that stage if he wanted to angle at all; but still he had reached, at II or I2, a stage of sophistication that anglers at home reached late, if ever.

The next day a group of Americans flew in. They were no sooner down than one of them was in the lodge, asking about the fishing. He had come to see the bears, like everyone else, but he was a fanatical angler. If he could

great char — especially on a fly — his holiday would be made. Two days later, I left. The small aircraft bounced and rattled down the gravelled strip that served as a runway, took off and banked to starboard. I looked down.

To my right I saw the lad in the windcheater, standing on the rock where first I had seen him, casting into the river with his short, light rod. Immediately below I saw someone I knew to be the American. casting into the bay.

It was impossible not to

smile. The lad who lived with great fish every day was restricting himself to little fish for the joy of the chall-The need to enge. The man catch big fish who said he liked to restrict himself had been to the fly was heaving a chunk of superseded' metal out for all he

was worth, want-

ing still more

whoppers to add to the bag already taken. I did not blame the Ameri can. Had I had time I would have been out there beside him, fishing as hard as I could. The novelty of finding big fish. of making hay just once, would have been impossible to pass up - for a while, at least. But the irony was fit for a king. ☐ Trout etcetera, a collection of Brian Clarke's essays on fishing which includes several of his pieces for The Times. is published by A & C Black

(£15.99). His angling column

appears on the first Monday of

Adverts bring charities material gain

hen Alberto Tomba. the triple Olympic skiing champion and Italian national hero, returns to the slopes after his lay-off with a wrist injury, he may be wearing an unfamil-iar logo on his ski suit. Tomba has asked the International Ski Federation for permission to carry a logo from Unicef, the charity along with the slogan. "Children First". stogan. Children First'. when he appears on the World Cup circuit this season. It is hard to see the federation stopping such a charitable act such a high-profile

Depending on how quickly he recovers, Tomba may not be the first sports figure to carry a charity logo. It is likely that the golfers, Ronan Rafferty and Mark McNulty. or the South Africa rugby union team, or even the struggling Nationwide League first division football side, Queens Park Rangers, could beat him to the punch. They have all been signed up by HelpAd, the group that has already raised £500,000 for the International Red Cross by persuading consumer goods companies to give up space on their products so that it can be sold as advertis-

ing for non-competing products. These, with the England football team's fundraising for orphanages in Moldova, are the most public manifestations of a trend now building a head of steam. Charities have realised that the public perception of the sporting arena has grown mightily in recent years. New research has shown that young people are increasingly looking to sporting heros for moral leadership, giving sportsmen and women an opportunity to be involved in the Band Aid of

. HelpAd is about to launch a national advertising campaign to increase awareness of its fundraising work. The concept was launched last year but has really started to take off this autumn. Anyone who has bought a loaf of Hovis since September will have spotted an advert for Anchor butter on the side. That is a HelpAd. Similarly... Coalite smokeless fuel bags carry ads for Zippo lighers, Ecover washing liquid carries



an advert for the Co-operative Bank and many other companies are signing up. Interestingly. Anchor's position on the Hovis loaves has only been secured until February. when it will be replaced by Tropicana fruit juices.

There are no plans for footballers to carry actual adverts on their arms, as there simply is not enough space for them to be carried. However, Paul Adams. HelpAd's managing director, says he is signing up leading figures in sport who will carry the HelpAd logo on their shirts in a move aimed at increasing awareness of the scheme. He has already an agreement from Mark McCormack's international Management Group to sign up five of its leading golfers. The South Africa rugby team has given the scheme the green light.

aif a dozen footbali clubs, led by QPR, and including Newcastle United and Arsenal, have agreed to carry the HelpAd logo on their kits and their scoreboards. There is even talk of a Fomuia One team giving a small part of its highly advertised cars over to a HelpAd, a move that could prove the most lucrative of all for the Red Cross. With the increasing sophis-

tication of sports sponsorship. and its integration into the marketing strategies of companies backing sports, there is a chance for charities to mix good works with good business practices. Companies gain kudos from backing charities and from soonsoring sports. With sporting figures showing a willingness to back charitable works, there is a clear crossover. Whether the Red Cross can come to the aid of an ailing QPR is another

JASON NISSÉ

AN EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION

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RACING: CALL FOR SWEEPING CHANGES TO POLICY AND PERSONALITIES

BBC's coverage needs retuning

RACING CORRESPONDENT

A GROUNDSWELL of discontent over BBC television's coverage of racing has emerged among the race-courses where their cameras operate - and prompted highlevel demands for sweeping changes in policy and person-

The dissatisfaction, which first emerged two months ago at a Racecourse Association (RCA) seminar in Newcastle, led to a secret meeting last week attended by top officials from Aintree, Ascot.

HICHARDEVANS

NAP: EASTERN RIVER (3.10 Worcester) Next best: Forest Ivory

(2.40 Worcester) Richard Evans was in impressive form on saturday. He selected Hannessy whines, Corner Hill (11-2), and was also on the mark with his nap. Parsons Boy (13-8), Space Trucker (5-2) and Zabadi (11-4) Julian Muscaf's Mercastle withness included Easby Joher (4-1)

Goodwood, Haydock and Newbury — and Sir Paul Fox, the chairman of RCA.

As a result, Sir Paul, a former managing director of BBC television, is to seek a meeting with Jonathan Martin, head of BBC Sport, to tell him about the unhappiness and desire for change. Unless action is taken, BBC could be in danger of losing the right to screen Newbury and Ascot when the contracts come up

for renewal shortly.
The criticism of the BBC coverage is two-pronged: the restrictions placed on sponsors of races compared to the way commercial backers of other sports are treated by the corporation's cameras and, far more embarrassingly, the quality of the coverage and those presenting it.

The "staid" programme format "harks back to the Kenneth Wolstenholme era

WORGESTER

12.40 Melstock Meggie. 1.10 Treasure Again. 1.40 Mr Snaggie. 2.10 Newlands-General. 2.40 Forest Ivory. 3.10 Glenfinn Princess. 3.40 Winnetta Gal.

GOING. GOOD TO SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

12.40 RUSHOCK MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE

1.10 BET WITH THE TOTE MOVICES CHASE

9-2 Breato Of Scandal, 6-1 Pharanest, 7-1 Two John's, Key To Moyade, 8-1 others.

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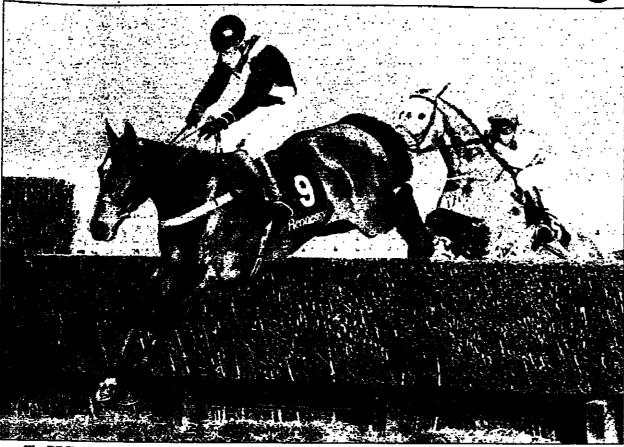
1.40 REVER SEVERN HANDICAP HURDLE

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(Qualifier £3,605: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.10 THREE PHILOSOPHERS.

(£2,408. 2m) (14 namers)



The BBC's cameras were at Newbury to capture Coome Hill's fine Hennessy victory. Photograph: Julian Herbert

whereas most of the presentation of BBC sport has moved ahead," according to one racecourse insider. "It lacks pizzazz and is stuck in a rut," another said. "Compared to Channel 4 and the new Racing Channel, 'Auntie's' racing coverage looks tired and old. As a result, BBC racecourses are

losing out," one official added. Julian Wilson, the long-standing presenter of BBC television's racing, is compared unfavourably to the likes of John Francome, the former champion jump jockey who works for Channel 4. The racecourse critics say his formal and serious manner can be a turn-off, especially for the casual racing viewer.

"The dissatisfaction with the but he is not one of the world's presentation stems, to a certain extent, from the presenters using the programme as a platform to air their own personal views and we don't feel that is the right place.

Julian Wilson's opposition to Sunday racing is well known but he should not use the BBC broadcasts as a platform," one racecourse executive said. However, the strongest criticism is reserved for Peter Scudamore and Jimmy Lindley, two former jockeys who often help Wilson during broadcasts. Despite their wealth of knowledge, both

have difficulty conveying their

thoughts succinctly to an audi-

ence. "Scu is a lovely fellow

2.40 spetchley national Hunt novices hurdle (22,915: 2m 4) (22)

5-2 Destram Hill, 3-1 Forest lvory, 7-1 Dasses Chreller, 8-1 Spring Double, Dancelillyoudrop, 14-1 Haneford Point, 18-1 Cast Of Thousands, 25-7 others.

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7-2 Landa's Counsel. 4-1 Kosheen, 6-1 Otago Heights, Wanzella Gal, 8-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

3.40 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW

NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,448- 2m) (20)

3.10 MALVERN HANDICAP CHASE (52,910: 2m 71 110yd) (9)

natural broadcasters - and never will be." By contrast, Jonathan Pow-

ell, who conducts many of the paddock interviews, and Clare Balding, daughter of Ian Balding, the Kingsclere trainer, are regarded as successes. Given the wealth of new, young talent on programmes such as the Racing Channel, the racecourses would like to see other younger people brought in to boost the BBC team.

The strict controls placed on time and footage devoted to sponsors of races is in marked contrast to sponsors of other sports. For example, at a recent tennis tournament screened from Bournemouth

the sponsor's logo was on both sides of the net; rubgy players on Saturday were interviewed with a Save & Prosper sign behind them, while Littlewoods gained considerable exposure during a recent FA Cup draw. Nothing ap-proaching that kind of exposure for a sponsor is allowed in racing," a racecourse man-

The racecourse officials who met last week originally considered approaching Will Wyatt, head of BBC television and a keen racegoer. With Peter O'Sullevan due to retire as BBC's senior commentator next year, his departure would be the ideal time for changing the coverage, they believe.

ager said.

Champion return by Large Action

By OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

IARGE ACTION stormed to the forefront of the Cham-pion Hurdle betting with an impressive comeback victory in the Avonmore Hatton's Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse yesterday.

Jamie Osborne, completing a big-race double after Coome Hill's Newbury win. guided Large Action. off the track for a year with a suspensory injury, to a six-length defeat of Cockney Lad, which prompted Ladbrokes to cut Large Action to 5-1 second favourite for Cheltenham.

"He's still got the class and is as good as ever," Osborne said after the 2½mile contest. Large Action will run next in Cheltenham's Bula Hurdle in two week's time, after which Oliver Sherwood will decide whether to train the horse for the Champion Hurdle.

See More Business failed by a length to make it a British double after the Paul Nicholls-trained gelding finished runner-up to Dorans Pride in the Chiquita Drinmore Novices' Chase.

Danoli disappointed the huge crowd by falling at the third fence, which left Dorans Pride and the hardpulling See More Business to dominate. Despite mistakes, See More Business was still fighting it out on the run-in but couldn't quite match the winner.

Istabraq looks sure to be a leading player in the major novice hurdles after an eyecatching victory in the Avonmore Royal Bond Novice Hurdle, in which the British-trained Lake Kariba finished sixth.

Coome Hill brings relief from Budget hangover

A fter the Budget "night-mare". a Hennessy fairytale. The heartwarming victory of Coome Hill at Newbury on Saturday provided a welcome break from the collective madness which has seized many within racing since the Chancellor sat

down on Tuesday. The reaction to Kenneth Clarke's non-announcement has been close to hysterical and underlines, yet again, one of the sport's great failings. Contrary to the popular belief expressed regularly in water-ing holes around Newmarket, Lambourn and Middleham, the world does not revolve

around racing. Far from it. Yes, racing's financial return from the betting it generates is poor, even unfair. Yes, the failure to gain a second successive cut in betting duty to help correct the imbalance was disappointing. But was it really surprising, given the demands posed by the health service, schools et al in the run-up to a general election?

By chance, within minutes of Clarke giving his Budget, Tattersalls faxed a press release proudly announcing the Newmarket-based auctioneers had established a European record for annual yearling turnover, with a figure of 49,048,250 guineas. Add on to that buoyant bookmaker profits and it is easy to understand why the Chancellor could resist diverting much-needed tax revenue to the punter - let alone racing.

WINCANTON

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES

1.20 Kilmington. 1.50 Badastan. 2.20 INDIRA (nap). 2.50 Five To Seven. 3.20 Second Call. 3.50 Silver

1.20 CERNE ABBAS NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,670: 2m 6i) (17 runners)

THUNDERER

Whitehall that racing's case badly prepared. If anything, the opposite is the case. The decision by the bookmakers to offer their own submission, which contradicted prize-

> **RICHARD EVANS**



Racing Commentary

money pleas, certainly did not help - and has led to inevitable calls for racing to fight its own corner and not tie itself so closely to the needs of punters or the betting industry.

Unfortunately for racing, there is a danger it will be damned if it adopts such an isolationist policy — and

Despite the ferocious on- damned if it doesn't. If racing slaught on Lord Wakeham and the betting industry go and Tristram Ricketts, there is their separate ways, the disno hint within Westminster or unity will ruin any chances of Government help in the for a betting duty cut was future. However, as John badly prepared. If anything, Brown of William Hill has made clear, racing's concerns are not bookmakers' concerns

especially prize-money.

So what should be done? In

the short term, racing can help. itself by improving the appall-ing fixture list. The British Horseracing Board (BHB) has tried to satisfy the racecourses. owners, punters and bookmakers - and ended up annoying everybody. An improved fixture list offers scope for agreement with the big bookmakers and increased levy. Secondly, a close look is required at the allocation of prize-money to racecourses, with incentives and competition between tracks.

By demonstrating it is doing everything possible to help itself, racing is more likely to gain a sympathetic hearing from Government as it tackles what should be the long-term objective - a total overhaul of the way racing is financed.

The levy system, a leftover from the 1960s which helps to keep racing in a financial straitjacket, is not the way to fund the sport in the technology-driven 21st Century. If the jolt provided by the Budget stirs the BHB and racing into finding a satisfactory successor to the levy, Clarke will have done the sport a considerable favour.

2.20 CHARD JUVENILE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (\$2,373: 2m) (10)

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2 5 STONECUTTER 16 (V) M Common 11-5 . Al Hoghes
3 111 CONTOSSER 46 (EQ.F) R Frost 11-4 . DOUBTRAL
4 MSS PRAYDA 7F B Libershyn 10-12 . Mr J Libershyn
5 142 SREERAN MYSTRO 12 (D.G.P Marghy 10-12 . W McFartand
6 15 STONE BLAND 4 (B.S.) P Hobbs 10-11 . G Tormey (3)
7 025 LADY MARGHUM 12 J Meria 10-5 . C Mande
8 2PP POLIC THE POINT 14 Mrs P Custed 10-3 . P Holley
10 3100 BROFA 9 (D.G.) C Poptarn 10-0 . T Descombe (3)
6-4 Always Happy, 5-2 Siberan Mystic, 4-1 Stonecuties, 8-1 Lady Magnom, 10-1
Stone March Price The Point, 14-1 others

2.50 NIGHTINGALE SINGS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,198: 2m 5f) (5)

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CHASE (£2,856: 2m) (6)

3.50 MANSTON HANDICAP HURDLE

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12.30 Duraid

1.30 Crown Equerry

2.00 Mr Knitwit 2.30 Whatt Fettle 3.00 Nicholas Plant

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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1.30 JACK BRITTON MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE

(£4.642: 3m 1f) (13 runners) 542: 3m 10 (13 runners)

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BETTING: 7-2 Tighter Budget, 4-1 kings Sennon, 5-1 Tough Test, 7-1 Winter Belle, 8-1 Cette Geant, Seeking Gold, 10-1 Studenhill, 12-1 others.

1995: ROCKET RUN 7-17-2 A Thornton (7-1) Missa I. Russell & ran FORM FOCUS

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2.00 J RUTHERFORD EARLSTON LTD HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,272, 2m 2f) (3 runners) BETTING. Evens Stack The Cash, 2-1 Mr known, 9-4 Coops Lane.

1995: JYMJAM JOHNNY 6-10-5 M Dwyer (11-2) J J O'Neill 6 ran FORM FOCUS

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Space Trucker provides first Irish victory

interest with the late withdrawal of the former Dato Star.

champion hurdler, Alderbrook. Kim Bailey's SPACE TRUCKER, trained by Jessica Harrington, became the first Irish-trained winner decided not to risk the 1995 champion on of the £22,000 Newcastle Building Society ground that was too fast. But there was still a Fighting Fifth Hurdle on Saturday.

The grade two contest lost much of its stirring finish as Space Trucker survived a blunder at the last to beat Castle Sweep and

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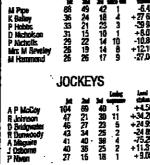
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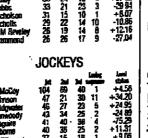
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11-4 Stipmatic, 3-1 Kilonington, 7-1 Copper Cell, Another Cockpit, 8-1 others. 1.50 SOMERSET CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,895: 3m 1f 170yd) (4) 6-4 Rambour Castle, 9-4 Credice, 5-2 Baddistan, 6-1 Progra Hill. ☐ Heron Island (John Reid) gave his trainer. Peter Chapple-Hyam, an eighth success in France this year when winning the listed Prix Tantierne (Im 6f) at Saint-Cloud on Saturday.

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Christian Dymond makes an enjoyable transition from road to mountain biker on the Lake District fells

Keep changing down and watch out for the sheep

their late autumn colours in the sunshine and three miles of disused railway line to ease the transition from road

The bike I had hired was £1,000 worth of Cannondale Killer V with front suspension. 21 gears and a weight of 24 lbs. According to some. £300 is about the minimum price for a mountain bike that is fit for the hills. In general, the higher the cost the stronger and lighter the build. The most expensive mountain bikes cost between £4,000 and £5,000.

British Rail closed the Penrith to Cockermouth rail-way line in 1972 but what is lost to the rail traveller in Cumbria is a gain for walkers and mountain bikers. From Keswick railway station the narrow track bed of chipped stones winds peacefully through the trees east towards Threlkeld. One of the greatest joys of off-road biking is that you escape from cars and forries. But on routes shared with walkers remember that those on foot must always be

Every so often the track crosses the River Greta. 135 bridges were built on the 31mile line, eight of them over this river. There are a few gates to open and close, and once I had to carry the bike down some steep steps which were obviously not part of the

trip was primarily on one taken from Mountain Biking UK's Route Guide 796 (Keswick Stone Circle) and described by Derek Purdy, the magazine's Routes Editor. There are 36 routes nationwide in the guide, ranging from easy to very difficult. Mr Purdy says the Keswick one is a good introduction to off-road biking for both youngsters and

A reasonable amount of fitness is in order to enjoy this

mountain biking should start with easy routes. There is no point in trying to hare up steep hills on your first time out, as you will find it painful and it

lot more energy than road biking, says 56-year-old Mr Purdy, who has been moun-tain biking since it was introone for Durham.



In addition to the Keswick of the one supplied by the Mountain Centre. I deviated onto this one after reaching the busy A66 at Threlkeld, and followed the main road for about a hundred vards before turning left into Threlkeld and then left again 400 yards later on to the tarmac surface of Blease Road.

fitness had scarcely been tested, but for the next 15 to 20 minutes I was in the lowest of 21 gears, plodding at a steady pace towards the Blencathra field-studies Centre.

south across St John's in the Vale to the fells would have been spectacular, only they were covered by cloud. "I think we're going to get a drop," said a passing walker with massive understatement.

might put you off trying again. Mountain biking takes up a

duced into this country in the 1980s. He has written The Northumberland Mountain Bike Guide (£7.50, Ernest Press) and is now working on



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From the centre the views

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despondent sheep had joined me for shelter behind a drystone wall, watching solemnly as I chewed my sandwiches in the rain.

It was a mark of the exhilaration and enjoyment of the ride that the wind and rain bothered me little. By now I was on a stony and undulating footpath following the barren flanks of the hills north along the Glenderaterra Beck, There was the odd fast-flowing stream to cross and bigger

stones to watch out for. I found I was changing gear a lot, which I had been told at the Keswick Mountain Bike Centre was part and parcel of the sport. After all, you have to use the gears to make the ride as easy as possible for

Helmets - Mr Purdy says good-looking ones often encourage people to wear them

— and eye protectors are vital. The eye protectors may be just sunglasses but the important thing is to stop stones, muck and anything else from getting into your eyes.

After nearly two miles of

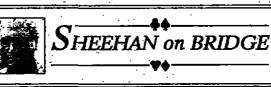
2.847 ft of Blencathara to my right, I decided to go back the same way and pick up Derek Purdy's route south west of Threlkeld — but not before retreating behind another dry stone wall. At this point there was just me, a few scattered sheep and the louring presence of the fells.

rode down the steep hill back into the village with glee and then crossed the A66 and took a small road, close to where had originally emerged from the railway track, signposted Castlerigg Stone Circle. I was back on tarmac but my legs were on holiday. The exertions of the previous three hours had taken their toll and I was forced to dismount occasional

The road back to Keswick via the stone circle — a collection of about 40 stones dating from Neolithic times is well marked and the views from Castlerigg itself are wonderful From there it is two miles back into the town much of it downhill. And that



Biking gives you the chance to enjoy spectacular views



By Robert Sheehan: BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Look at this hand from the quarter-final of the Open event of the Olympiad. Two players went down in a contract you would expect to be made round the room at a club duplicate. How would you play Four Hearts?

Dealer North **East-West Game** ±98652 4KQ9,865 +QJ842 **◆109**5 +A1043 **VAK532** ₽ΑQ.

When Denmark played Italy, the Denmark South opened Two Chubs (strong) after two passes, West overcalled Two Spades and South ended up in Four Hearts. West led the king of spades. Declarer won, ruffed a spade at trick two. came to hand with a diamond and ruffed another spade in dummy. That wasn't a success - East overruffed, and the defence cross-ruffed clubs and spades for the next three tricks to take the contract one off.

In the quarter-final between celand and Indonesia, the iceland declarer also went down in Pour Hearts, having heard that West was long in spades and diamonds. Again declarer failed to draw trumps, and allowed the same defensive cross-ruff to develop.

You might think the hand is an elementary matter of counting tricks. If declarer lays down the ace of hearts at trick two and everyone fol-

lows, the contract is home he plays a second high heart. and even if they turn out to be 3-1, he has in hand a spade trick, four heart tricks and three tricks in the minors. After the second high trump

he ruffs a spade in dummy. returns to the ace of diamonds and ruffs another spade. As the cards lie that line would have produced two overtricks. If someone shows out on the first heart, there is still the possibility of the club finesse. So do you think both deciar ers misplayed? I think you have to give them a little benefit of doubt. It was clearly unlucky to go off as they did. And by playing to ruff three spades they might have over-come a 4-0 break with the king of clubs offside.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday

By Philip Howard

VĒNTRE A TERRĒ a. Fast b. Creepy-crawly How an army marches

LE FIVE O'CLOCK The rush hour b. Ten time

BOURRICHON. a. A horse c. A chocolate croissant MESSIEURS-DAMES a. Mixed toilets b. Female army officers

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Bike Centre charged me £15 for the hire of bike, a price which included two absolute essentials — a helmet, £30-£40 to buy, and a tool kit consisting of spare inner tubes, lock, Allen key, box spanner, puncture repair kit. tyre levers and pump. As for my clothes, didn't exactly cut a dash but I was warm and damp-proof. Gloves (£5-£25 to buy) are advisable and so are eye protectors/sunglasses/goggles (£20 plus). In winter wear a thermal vest (£20 plus), then a thermal fleece (£35-£40 plus) and .on . top a lightweight, plus). Cycle shorts cost £25-£30, leggings £30-£40, cycle shoes £45 plus. rucksack £25 plus and burn bag £15-£25.

CHRISTIAN DYMOND

Oc7 Rad8 Rxd8 Rd3 Rd3 Ng4 Oxc5+ Bxd5

Nxd5 Ne5



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Timman wins

Jan Timman, the popular Dutch grandmaster, has won the Dutch championship for the ninth time. Having tied for first place in the championship tournament proper. Timman then had to contest a match against Ivan Sokolov, the former Bosnian grandmaster, who has been resident in Holland for some time. In the past year or so, Timman's results have been unimpressive and he began this match a severe underdog with a rating of 2,590 as opposed to Sokolov's 2,670. Nevertheless, Timman's superior match experience, which includes a number of extended contests against Anatoly Karpov, and a short match against Garty Kasparov, eventually told in his favour. Nevertheless, things looked black for Timman when he

lost the first game. **White:** Jan Timman Black: Ivan Sokolov Dutch Championship play-off Holland, November 1996

Queen's Gambit Declined Slav Defence

Nc3 g6 Bg7 0-0 Nb4 Nxx4

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The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from book shops or from B.T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

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By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Capablanca — Graham, Newcastle 1919 White has great pressure along the open c-file and the hl-as diagonal. How did he combine these two elements to force a quick win?



squets for speople's ampions



Reaping the reward for setting new standards of service: Edward Fennell introduces a three-page special report on Charter Marks

he sign of excellence

same time as the newspapers were delivered, the 80 staff of the Sheltered Housing Service of Vale Royal Borough Council, Cheshire, received letters at home telling them that they had won a 1996 Charter Mark. Later today representatives of the service, along with about 320 other organisations, will be at Westminster to receive their Char-

ter Marks and to meet ministers. For Rita Hollens and her colleagues in Vale Royal, the Charter Mark is an acknowledgement of a job well done. The staff will be thrilled because it is confirmation that we are providing the public with a good service," she says.

The annual award of Charter Marks (this is the fifth year) is the only occasion in the year when the quality of public services is ac-knowledged nationally.

It is not a dramatic story. Good public services are quiet and often mundane. But they are also essential. The public sector has traditionally declined to blow its own trumpet. Through the Charter Marks, that is being remedied.

after rigorous examination. Organisations must undergo a tough scrutiny in which all the interested parties - not least their customers. clients or patients - are quizzed. Many organisations consider applying. Few, however, are chosen.

The award of a Charter Mark is

intended to represent a sign of excellence in public service. As John Major said while presenting the 1994 Charter Mark Awards: "When I set up the Charter Mark Award programme, I had two aims. First, to show my real appreciation of those people who provide an excellent service to the public. They have always been there, but their dedication has not been recognised in the past as it should be. Secondly, I wanted to show the world what people in public service can achieve; provide examples for others to follow, a benchmark by which others can judge their own performances."

The programme now operates under the auspices of the Cabinet Office with recommendations for awards being made by a panel of independent judges chaired by

Lord Blyth of Rowington. The programme covers all the public services - health, education, local and central government and agencies, and also the public utilities which still have monopolies. When they were first established in 1992 there was a strict limit set on the number of awards to be made and for the next two years, fewer than 100 were handed out. Last year, however, there was a change of tack. The "cap" was lifted and

any organisations which applied and which could satisfy the Charter

Mark standard, as defined in nine

criteria of good practice, would be

Once an organisation gains an award, it normally holds it for three years before being invited to apply for reassessment. British Gas bailed out of the programme last year before getting "sacked" after a series of public embarrassments, and this year there are several reapplicants from 1993 (including, for example, the War Pensions Agency and the Merthyr Tydfil Consumer Advice service) which failed to

make the grade Fortunately the London Borough

ing Services successfully negotiated they have felt if they had failed? Cathy Rooney, their spokeswoman, says: "It would have been a grave disappointment and we would have had to go back to the drawing board to see where were went wrong and examine how we could restore the quality of our service."

o, year-on-year Charter Mark is growing. As well as increasing numbers, the scope of the initiative is developing. The Cabinet Office team which runs the operation is providing an increasing number of advisory and feedback services. Charter Mark is, in effect, on its way to becoming a club which offers a variety of benefits including advice and networking.

But what is obvious from talking to this year's winners is that, above all, the public services long for recognition and appreciation. After all the brickbats and negative comments, Charter Mark may go some way towards restoring pride



Winning smiles: two decorators from the London borough of Hackney, which has won a Charter Mark for its service for pensioners and the disabled, prepare to decorate a sitting room

Bouquets for the people's champions

When the public starts honouring its unsung heroes, that's progress

today's Charter Marks lies the wider debate about the quality of public services in the UK. Edward

Fennell writes. The Government would say its innovations, ranging from the national curriculum and league tables for schools to the internal market for the NHS, have been vital in raising standards. The Opposition responds with claims of failing services due to inadequate or

misapplied resources. Although the numbers involved in Charter Mark are Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the minister responsible for the pro-gramme, suggests that these winning organisations reflect a change in the culture of a public sector that is becoming more responsive to what the public wants and is providing

better value for money. For example, the biggest growth in the awards this year has been in local government, most of which is not, of course. Conservative-controlled. Mr Freeman says he is particularly pleased by this. He says: The improvements are in the best tradition of the public sector in the UK by providing services which are of recognisable quality."

Whether today's winners are a thin crust of excellence on top of a mediocre system or whether they represent a more general change is bound to be open to debate. Mr Freeman points out, however, that the number of actual entries is only a fraction of those who are inter-

ested in the awards and have absorbed the message they carry. There is strong anecdotal evidence that many publicsector organisations are refashioning the systems they use to take account of Charter Mark principles. The benefits and improvements will be seen in the years ahead." Mr Freeman says.

in any case, another encouraging feature Mr Freeman highlights is the success of the decision to invite the public to nominate organisations for good performance. Publicity for this was distributed through Tesco and thousands of recommendations were received as a result. Mr Freeman says this suggests that people are increasingly impressed by the quality of the services they receive on a dayto-day basis. The sensational stories of failure "at the margin", such as The Ridings School in Calderdale, are

exceptional. "What we are really talking about is good government," Mr Freeman says. "We reckon there are now about 10,000 local charters in operation, in which organisations publish their standards of service and can be held accountable for delivery. It is through such the public sector as a whole."

measures that standards are being raised."

He says he would like to see more organisations applying for Charter Marks, especially schools and family doctors

He believes there are many good examples to be found in these sectors once people come forward to report what they are doing. As well as being a stimulus to raise standards, the Charter Mark shows that excellence already exists within the system. He says: What we have seen is that given the opportunity their local services. There is always a lot of interest locally in Charter Mark success stories. People value their local services and this is one way of recognising and acknowledg-

ing that." Charter Mark is also about raising the performance of public-sector management. Mr Freeman points out that,



Roger Freeman: praising councils and avoiding party politics

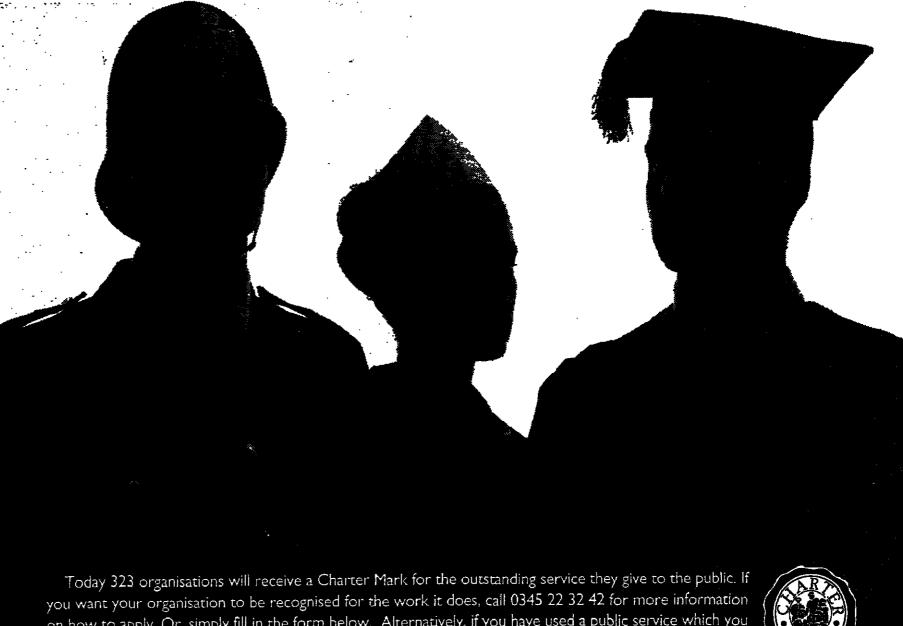
without any extra expenditure, effort and good organisation, together with some imagination and sensitivity. will produce better public services. Competition and the bottom line provide the incentive for efficiency and costeffectiveness in the private sector, but the public sector requires different measures and motivation.

Tet despite the successes embodied in the Char-L ter Mark programme, Mr Freeman is reluctant to try to make partisan political

Charter Mark has gained broad party support across the political spectrum and is on solid foundations. We don't intend to gain electoral advantage from it," he says.

"The true interpretation of the significance of Charter Mark remains a conundrum. Even so, the quality of the winners is clear and many public services are now run in a more professional way than service from a small number of organisations but I believe they are an inspiration for improvement in the quality of

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— MAKE Y⊕UR MARK

A winner — and it is here to stay

t is highly likely that today's Charter Mark ceremony will be repeated this time next year, no matter who occupies No 10 Downing Street. Although Labour yesterday made specific criticism of this year's awards (see Page 9), in a document published in October, which in many respects was highly critical of the Government's approach to the public sector, Derek Foster, MP, the Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was surprisingly gener-

The scheme has proved popular particularly in encouraging public services to improve and it should continue," he said. At the same time, however, he commented that under a Labour government the scheme would be broadened and wider public participation encouraged. Citizens and the consumer movement would be enabled to "act through congratulation as well as complaint".

But he also included a word of caution. "Should standards be seen to drop, we will vigorously enforce the removal of Charter Marks," he said — clearly firing a warning shot across the bows of the public utilities, whose conduct has posed the biggest threat to the credibility of the Charter Mark.

The fact that the Charter Mark has to some extent won over Labour represents quite a victory for the Government. As Roger Freeman, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, says: "Any fair-minded observer would say that the Charter Mark has put down solid foundations and is here to stay. It is an honest, serious, permanent and non-partisan contribution to raising the standard of

public service.* Charter Mark arises out of the Charter movement and is run by



6It is an honest, serious, permanent and non-partisan contribution to raising standards?

Roger Freeman

the Citizen's Charter team in the Cabinet Office. But while the Mark enjoys unalloyed support, politicians are still trying to squeeze some marginal advantage out of the Citizen's Charter.

John Major has described the Charter initiative as a long-term programme which is about cultural change. He says: "The Citizen's Charter is not about bureaucracy. It is about people. It is about improving the quality of people's

Of course, subsequent rows such as that over mixed-sex wards in hospitals - have rather whittled Labour describes the five years of the charter as "a history of lost opportunities and of failure to fulfil its unique potential". It adds: "The Conservatives' Charter has not fulfilled its promise. It has failed

both service user and provider." Notwithstanding that criticism, the concept of the Charter has been endorsed by Labour. It says that it will give the Citizen's Charter more bite by "bringing it directly into people's homes using teletext and

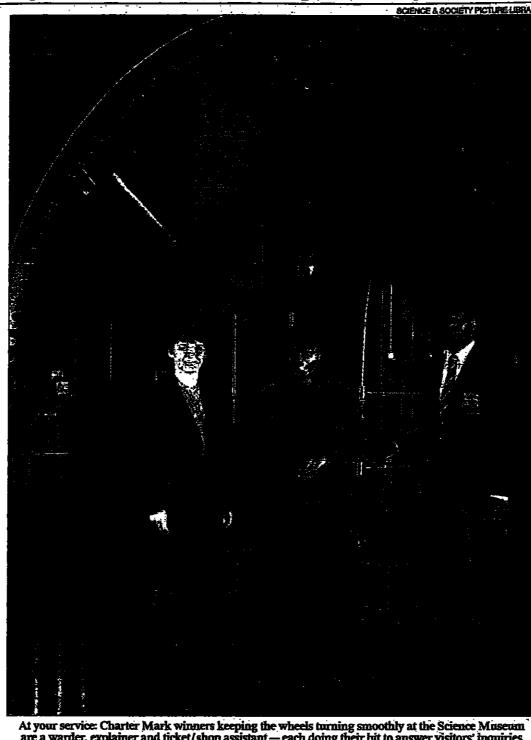
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It also states that it will "initiate a cultural revolution in the complaints procedure by using complaints as an opportunity to improve design and delivery of service, not a nuisance to be defensive about". In fact, the Government has been saying much the same thing for some time now.

The Liberal Democrats are. meanwhile, fully behind the notion of the Charter and claim that they thought of it first. In their last statement on the matter, they said: "We welcome the Government's belated acceptance of the principle of our ideas for public service charters. We regret, however, that it has failed to adopt many of the detailed proposals that are necessary to ensure the delivery of a

So, apart from the rhetorical flourishes designed to create an illusion of difference between them, the three parties are pretty much in accord. They hate to say so, but basically they agree with each

Charter Mark and Citizen's Charters are basically a good thing. We shall be living with them for



are a warder, explainer and ticket/shop assistant — each doing their bit to answer visitors' inquiries

Big wheels and little dials

AMONG winners in this category are the Science Museum London, pictured left, the Crafts the tourist information centre in Belfast and BBC Radio

Almost 30 years ago Radio Leicester became the first local radio station in Britain. Today it is the first broadcaster in the country to win a Charter Mark. "It is wooderful," says Liam Mac-Carthy, its editor, "We believe this shows the commitment we have to serve the people of Leicestershire, providing a value for money service that is unique." Each week 213,000 people in the

county listen to the station's mixture of news, sport, information, community debate and entertainment. Twenty years ago the station launched the first daily programme for Asian listeners, which has been expanded into a key part of a new BBC Asian network serving more than 350,000 across the Midlands:

The Belfast information centre run by the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, won a Charter Mark because it offers a first-class service to the public, according to David Roulston, manager of information services.

Each member of staff wears a name badge which identifies fluency in particular languages; employees are trained in deaf awareness; there is a minicom telephone for customers with hearing difficulties and the centre ets strict deadlines for responding to inquiries.

Roy Bailie, chairman of the

tourist board, says: "I am delighted with this official recognition of the dedication and commitment of a small number of staff. The last two years have seen a massive increase in accommodation bookings."

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Building the Future

East to win a Charter Mark. John O'Neill, head teacher, attributes his school's success to a highly committed staff who work well as a team. "Teamwork is the key feature," he says.

Earlier this year, school inspectors recognised many strengths" and the head says it is determined to give its 340 children — aged four to 11 - the tools and motivation to be prepared for, and optimistic about, the future.

GRANGE PARK, a prima-ry school in Sunderland, in

an area of high unemploy-

ment and deprivation, is the

first school in the North

The school has been concentrating on raising standards of literacy and reading through the Read-

been included in the Charter

Mark awards. Nine have won

awards, including Blackwater

housing association in Brain-tree, Essex, which began in 1989 and now provides more

Blackwater prides itself on

its standards of consumer care and was recently declared 100 per cent friendly in a customer

survey. We have been able to maintain standards despite

our increasing size, says Michael Leggett, a director. Numerous Government benefits agency offices have won Charter Marks as well as

the benefits agency investiga-tion service for Cornwall — the first fraud organisation in the

country to win. One of its

unusual features is a customer services manager.
"We have shown that we

can deliver excellent value for money to the taxpayer while at

the same time not losing sight

of the needs of all those we come into contact with," says

Vic Hibbert, the manager. The

team has saved the taxpayer

which have won awards in-

clude the Customs and Excise

VAT office in Edinburgh, a

second-time winner. It has

continually striven to improve

its services and introduce in-

novations. Local businesses, for example, are being helped

to understand the basics of

VAT through evening seminars, one-to-one surgeries and

Wessex Water. South Staf-

fordshire Water and Severn

Trent Water authorities have

won Charter Marks the category of privatised utilities and

service network in North Wales and the North West has also been recognised.

nationalised industries. The Royal Mail's customer

Schools' top mark

ing Recovery Programme and on improving behav-iour through an "assertive discipline" scheme. The latter sets out clear boundaries. Children are rewarded for good behaviour.

Grange Park also has a primary school — in which pupils have a say about the way the school is run.

Another inner-city school which has won a Charter Mark is Danum Comprehensive in Doncaster. The school, with its 1,300 pupils, including 250 in the sixth form, is known for its strong munity links, particularly with local businesses. Last year school inspectors praised Danum for its caring ethos.

Hayle Community School in Comwall, a comprehensive with 620 pupils, won a Charter Mark for the second time. "It is a tribute to the partnership between home, school and community," says head teacher Alec

The partnership between ome and school is given high priority and pupils' progress is well monitored information made available to parents. Together with a study diary, regular newsletters and a school newspaper, this ensures there is considerable opportunity for parental involvement, resulting in high academic standards.

Driving force

THE Europa Buscentre in Belfast, a second-time winner, has improved its service even more, according to its district manager Aiden Faloona. They are hoping for a hat trick in 1999.

Hailed by Neil Kinnock, European transport commissioner, as an example of the best transport practice Buscentre offers services that it claims rival, and even exceed, the standards of many airports. Since its first Charter Mark it has added an information desk with multilingual staff, extra facilities for people who find it difficult to get around, and a new bus service. The opening of the

adjacent Great Victoria Street railway station last year provides an integrated building with bus and rail facilities with a link on the same level to airports, terry terminals and local hospitals.

Other winners in the category are Anglia Railways in London and the Transport Executive which has won two awards - for its Meadowhail and Sheffield interchange

Charter Mark inspectors reported that both interchanges were clean, efficient and comfortable with good customer standards that were properly monitored.

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The award scheme is underpinned by nine criteria and the rigorous but fair process used by the assessors to judge organisations

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Standards: Setting, monitoring and publication of explicit standards for the services that includual users can reasonably expect.

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Choice and consultation:
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Courtesy and helpfulness: Courteous and helpful ser-vice from public servents.

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sources the nation can

Mark rests largely on the rigour of the assessment process, Edward Fennell writes. To stand a chance, organisations must show that they satisfy the nine criteria which form the basis of the initiative (see box).

Beyond that, however, they must be running their operation with a particular flair for efficiency or im-THE CHITERIA

agination. Most Charter Mark winners have something special to them stand out from the crowd. Although the initial selection is

based on a written presentation, the assessors insist they are looking for substance, not window-dressing.

An increasing number of small units, such as primary and infant schools and individual hospital departments, are apunlikely that many entrants will be able to draw on the services of public relations advisers. The unvarnished truth is what the assessors want to

Most of this comes up during the assessor's visits. Once an entry looks promising, an assessor will assessors will have

call. Often these

generally as alert laymen and surrogates of the general public. Derek Turner is a former member of Her Majesty's Inspectorate

takes Charter Mark inspections and sees beneficial parallels between the two.

"Most organisations look better in practice than they appear on paper," he says, and explains that the real aim of the visit is to see whether the evidence is available to back up claims made in the written

submission. The visits are intensive and involve the questioning of managers, staff and consumers. One of the challenges is to ensure that all the assessors are using the same standards of judging. Tom Corrigan,

leader, has the job of maintaining quality control. He says: "One of my roles is to ensure that double checks are made through other sources such as audit reports.

Once the assessors are satisfied. the recommendation goes before the national judging panel.
The final list is

assessors is to pro-

vide feedback to

entrants - not

dence that organisations can demonstrate customer satis-faction with the service passed to the Prime Minister. The results of his decision are on Measurable improvements in the quality of service over the last two or more years. show today. After the assessinnovation: To have in hand, or plan to introduce, at least one innovative enhancement to services without any extra ment is complete, the last job for the

least to those who a particular expertise, but they act failed. Once disappointed applicants have understood where they need to make improvements, they do not feel so bad about failing and can be determined to try again. of Schools and is now an education-al consultant. As well as being an cessful entrants of the year after.



Winner: Rail Regulator, John Swift, front, at the launch of Anglia Railways' portable ramp for wheelchair passengers at Ipswich

Winning team: husband and wife doctors Kallol and Bhaswati Majumdar, who won a Charter Mark at their Isle of Wight surgery

Top city services Quality in a crisis

FOUR of the city's services in LOCAL Birmingham have won charter marks for the quality of their AUTHORITIES work and their responsiveness to people. They are the Ruby Rhydderch home and daycare centre for old people; leisure services; public health and trading standards which has developed a "wasp buster" initiative

wasp nests; and Birchfield community school, a primary school for 760 pupils in Aston.

The philosophy of excellence combined with meeting the individual needs of users is embodied at the old people's home which has a charter of 20 rights for residents and a keyworker system whereby each resident has a particular care assistant who is responsible for their

to reduce delays in treating

Would-be house owners in the Midlands, Dudley metropolitan borough, are also receiving a high quality service. The local land charges team has won a Charter Mark for the speed and

personal and emotional needs.

efficiency with which it processes land and property searches. Since 1991 there has been a

seven-day guaranteed service for the searches. Last year 7,360 searches were processed; the average time was three days. Other local authority winners include the London borough of

Hackney which has won a charter mark for its decorating service (pictured on page 39) for pensioners and the disabled, and Newark and Sherwood district council in Nottinghamshire which has won two awards. The charter marks have gone to the council's housing and environmental health department and the homelessness and housing advice section.

Another council recognised for its work on the homeless is Liverpool where the housing advice service has won a Char-

SATISFIED users of ambulances in Merseyside and Cheshire nominated their local ambulance service for a Charter Mark award — and the judges agreed with them.

Eighteen months ago the ambulance service set out to improve its management and this year it is reaping the reward: a British Standards Institute award for management and a Charter Mark. "It's an acknowledgement of the efforts of the management team and the staff working together to set stan-dards," said David Todhunter, chief executive.

Another winner, Greater Manchester Police, has won praise for consulting with the community and its community policing initiatives, which involved clean-up campaigns and the eviction of problem families in two estates in Swinton. Extensive restructuring of management ranks meant more bobbies

back on the beat. North of the border. Dumfries

EMERGENCY SERVICES

and Galloway Constabulary has won a Charter Mark for the second time, as has Dumfries and Galloway fire brigade. The police in the area have seen a fall in crime of 13.7 per cent, or 1.446 fewer crimes, since 1993. Detection rates have risen by 11.3 per cent and stand now at around 65

The force consistently achieves close to 100 per cent satisfaction rates in user surveys and has operated a substantial number of programmes aimed at consulting with, and providing information to. the public. Alan Raymond, one of its constables based at Wigtown, has won a Charter Mark for best staff suggestion this year.

He had the idea of a mobile police station to serve the more remote communites of South West Scotland. It was an instant

Just what the patients ordered

HEALTH

DOCTORS Kallol and Bhaswati Majumdar, two GPs in the Isle of Wight who won a Charter Mark. are a husband and wife team who have introduced a special pop-in clinic for teenagers as well as alternative therapies such as acu-

They were nominated by more than 100 local people, which led to the first ever Isle of Wight Charter

Mark to the Ryde-based surgery.
"When we first started the practice we had only 1,000 patients." Kallol Majumdar explains. Now we have more than 2,300. That indicates we don't give bad

For the second consecutive year East Gloucestershire NHS Trust has won a Charter Mark for the quality of its services and its

innovative ideas.

New schemes for customers include a children's menu designed by a patient on Battledown ward at Cheltenham General Hospital, short-legged pyjamas for patients undergoing lower leg surgery and personal care packs for emergency patients, including toiletries and nightwear.

Several members of the public nominated the trust for the award because they were so impressed with their care and treatment. "We were delighted in 1993 when we received the award for the first time," says Clive Thomson, trust chairman. This year it is even

more pleasing."

The accident and emergency department at Belfast City Hospital, which deals with the victims of bombs, bullets and punishment beatings, was another award winner. Despite the unpredictable nature of their work in the province, staff introduced new ways to improve patient care.

Emergency nurse practioners were appointed to speed up patient flow and reduce waiting times for minor complaints. A 24-hour helpline was set up as well as bereavement counselling.

At Harefield Hospital in Uxbridge an award was made to the paediatric surgical unit for improving treatment and care of children and their families. Stateof-the-art medical advances and new procedures reduce pain as well as the child's stay in hospital.

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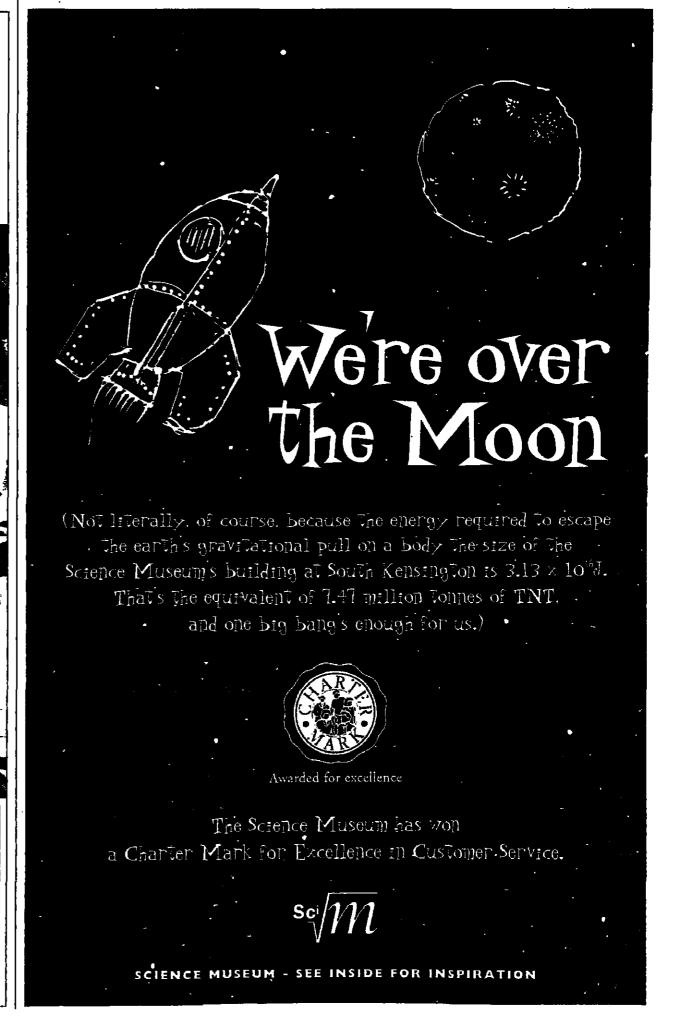
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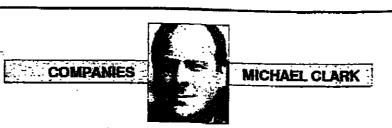
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THURSDAY

Interims: Airsprung Furniture, Courts, Expro Int, Gibbon Group, Great Universal Stores, Philip Harris, IWP Int, Northern Electric, Northern Ireland Electric, Northern Ireland Electronics, Syltone, Finals: Alvis, Denby Gp, Dewhurst, Grand Metropolitan, Hanson, MEPC, Ransomes, Sheriff Hilds, Economics, IM Octo. Hldgs. Economics: UK October housing starts, UK SMMT November new car registra-tions, UK CBI quarterly distri-butive trades survey, meeting of Bundesbank.

FRIDAY

Interims: Brasway, General Electric Co, Samuel Heath. Finals: Bearing Power Int. Economics: UK October industrial output, UK October manufacturing output, UK Q3 construction output. US November non-farm payrolls, US November unemployment.



Carlton broadcasts an advance

CARLTON: Fresh from its £85 million acquisition of Westcountry Television, the group is back in the news this week when it unveils full-year figures on Wednesday. These are expected to confirm that Carlton is, indeed, now a leading player in the independent television network with an estimated 34 per cent of the advertising market.

Pre-tax profit estimates range from £295 million to £300 million (£248.5 million). Earnings are likely to have grown 4p to 28.7p. while analysts are forecasting a 13 per cent increase in the payout to 10.6p net. Television advertising has shown signs of recovery this year although the group's London midweek franchise will have lost some ground to LWT. Once again Quantel will provide the power for the group's performance which will help to drive up profits at its video and sound products division by about a third.

BASS: Still celebrating the Chancellor's decision to freeze the duty on beer in the Budget, the group is expected to weigh in with a useful set of full-year figures on Wednesday. These should show pre-tax profits up from £599 million to between £660 million and £670 million. The main improvement should come from the brewing side. Earnings are expected to have grown 12 per cent to 48.7p, while shareholders should be rewarded with an 8 per cent rise in the payout to 24.5p.

HANSON: Full-year figures on Thursday are likely to have little relevance to the current state of play. These will be the last figures from the group in its old form. Hanson is midway through its demerger programme, having already divested itself of Millennium Chemicals and Imperial Tobacco. Brokers are forecasting pre-tax profits ranging from £1.17 billion to £1.19 billion (£1.31 billion). The City will be looking for further details of the energy division flotation. Earnings will be down and an unchanged dividend of 12p is likely.

GRAND METROPOLITAN: Brokers will be looking to fullyear figures on Thursday for evidence of the expected pick-up



After the Westcountry acquisition, Michael Green, chairman of Carlton, is to unveil results

in the spirits industry. Some expect pre-tax profits to reach the billion mark, although estimates start at about £968 million (£91) million). Earnings are forecast to rise by about 6 per cent to 32.1p while the payout should rise by 7 per cent to 15.95p.

SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE: A decline in profits at Center Parcs is likely to provide the focus of interim figures today, although brokers still expect a useful increase in profitability as the benefits of cost savings at Courage and the refurbishment of its Chef & Brewer chain should start

to feed through. At the pre-tax level brokers' estimates range from £188 million to £195 million (£159 million). Savings at Courage are likely to be £18 million. while a 9 per cent decline in the contribution from its leisure activities is envisaged. Earnings growth of 15 per cent is likely as is an 8 per cent increase in the dividend to 7p.

GEC: A fairly pedestrian performance is expected when the group reports interim figures on Friday. But it will be the City's first opportunity to tackle the new chief executive, George Simpson.

on his future strategy for the group. NatWest Securities. the broker, is looking for pre-tax profits of £415 million (£402 million). Some estimates pitch the figure at £420 million. Marconi and GEC-Alsthorn have secured some useful contracts, but recent figures from Alcatel, GEC's trading partner, revealed that sales at GEC-Alsthom were down 18 per cent in the third quarter. The final figure could also be hurt by currency fluctuations.

SCOTTISHPOWER: Interim figures on Wednesday will contain only two months' contribu-

tion from Southern Water, its recent acquisition, but brokers will be anxious to establish what cost savings can be achieved. Initial estimates suggest a contribution to operating profits from Southern of about £35 million. Overall group profits are expected to grow at the pre-tax level from £127 million to about £177 million, pushing earnings up about 17 per cent at 13.3p. The figures will be boosted by a full contribution from Manweb.

GUS: Half-year figures from Great Universal Stores on Thursday will be held back by pressure in both sales and margins of its home-shopping division. Currency fluctuations will also take their toll on its overseas retail business. UBS, the broker, is forecasting a small downturn in profits at the pre-tax level from £237 million to £232 million, with earnings per share down I per cent at 15.3p. Hard on the heels of the Experian acquisition last month, these figures will focus attention on basics. Last year's performance was distorted by a number of one-offs making comparisons difficult. The problems at mail order need to be tackled and UBS does not rule out the possibility of GUS acquiring Freemans from Sears.

NORTHERN ELECTRIC: Still struggling to fend off the unwanted attentions of CalEngery, the group has brought forward its interim report to Thursday. The aim is to emphasise the value contained in the company al-though pre-tax profits are likely to be down from £58.7 million to £48.9 million, leaving earnings per share down from 40.5p to 37.4p. Despite the setback, shareholders can expect a 7 per cent increase in the payout to 12.4p.

NIE: Northern Ireland Electricity's decision to take up the case of pricing policy with the Monopo-lies and Mergers Commission means that Thursday's results will be virtually meaningless. Pre-tax profits should be down about £1 million to £46.5 million, while earnings will show a small improvement. The reward for shareholders will be a 10 per cent increase in the dividend to 5.5p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Interest rate rift emerges

The week begins with a key meeting today of European Union finance ministers in Brussels, of particular interest to the financial markets because of signs of a rift emerging on interest rates between France and Germany late last week. The French problem is likely to be highlighted with figures for unemployment in October, coinciding with the Ecofin meeting, expected to show that French unemployment remains at 12.6 per cent. Also today, Britain sees publication of November M0 money supply figures and the latest purchasing managers' survey, expected to confirm that manufacturing industry is continuing to grow.

The next focus comes on Thursday which, in Britain, sees the latest distributive trades survey from the Confederation of British Industry, but also, of key interest, testimony before the Treasury Select Committee on the Budget by Eddie George. Governor of the Bank of England. Given the proximity of the next monetary meeting on December II, the Governor's remarks will be analysed even more than usual for any clues on his attitude towards interest rates post-Budget. Also scheduled on Thursday are German unemployment figures and a Bundesbank council meeting.

On Friday the focus will be on UK industrial production figures for October. They are predicted to show a rise of 0.5 per cent in the month, according to the consensus of market forecasts compiled by MMS International. Manufacturing output is expected to rise 0.4 per cent. This would give year-onyear growth in manufacturing of only 0.4 per cent, a small improvement on the 0.2 per cent annual rate in September. On the same day, November non-farm payrolls are released for America along with other labour market data. These data will be seized upon as an indicator of whether the US economy has picked up steam in the fourth quarter. The non-farm payrolls are forecast to have risen by 175,000 compared with October's increase of 210,000.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Grand Metropolitan. Compass; Hold Scottish & Newcastle. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Grand Metropolitan, Watson and Philip, Hay & Robertson, Hazlewood Foods; Hold Booker. The Observer: Avoid Barclays, Scottish-Power. Independent on Sunday: Buy Asda, Amersham International. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Associated British Ports. Revelations Piccadilly.

Chancery Division

Law Report December 2 1996

Court of Appeal

Acquiescence destroys claim

Film Investors Overseas Services SA and Another v during the licence period to exhibit films on distribution systems in the vices SA and Another v Home Video Channel Ltd. t/a The Adult Channel Before Mr Justice Carnwath [Judgment November 12]

The owner of copyright in films who was aware that one of its licensees had plans to broadcast the films outside the area specified in the licence agreement and had subsequently done so, but did not complain or take any other action to stop them, had acquiesced and was therefore not entitled to claim an infringement of copyright.

Mr Justice Carnwath so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing an action for infringe-ment of copyright and breach of contract brought by the plaintiffs, Film Investors Overseas SA. a Liberian company, and Teleworld Communications Ltd. against the defendants, the Home Video Channel Ltd. trading as The Adult

Mr Paul Dickens for the plaintiffs: Mr John P. Baldwin, QC and Mr James Mellor for the

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that the plaintiffs claimed to own, or to be exclusive licensees of the copyright of several films with intended for adult viewing.

The defendants operated a television broadcasting service, the Adult Channel, which was shown between midnight and 4am. It began transmissions in February 1992 and initially was directed a the United Kingdom market. Broadcasts were either by cable or domestic satellite dishes. Transmissions by satellite were encrypted so that they could only be viewed by those who had a decoding device operated by a "smart card". The defendants sold smart cards to its subscribers. In April 1997 the plaintiffs granted to the defendants a licence the arrangement. Both sides called

licence area as part of a pay television service. The licence area was defined as "the United King-dom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and Eire.

Transmissions by the defendants was by Astra satellite which was in geostationary orbit above Europe and its footprint extended over most of continental Europe as well as the licence area defined in the agreement. Once a programme had been broadcast to the satellite it could be received anywhere vithin the footprint by anyone who had the necessary decoding device.

By early 1993 the defendants were aware that the programme was being watched in Europe, either by use of pirated cards, or genuine cards which had been sold outside the area for which they had been issued. Around February 1993 the defen-

dants decided to sell smart cards in Europe, partly in order to put the unlawful use on a lawful basis and provide for a network of authorised dealers in those countries who could control use, but also because the marginal costs of extending their service in that way were very small and they expected

the exercise to be profitable. Sale of decoders in Europe began in April. The plaintiffs' films voices for new films were submitted and paid up until November 1993. About 140 films were sup-

plied under the agreement. The plaintiffs' complaint in essence was that the defendants breached the terms of the agreement or infringed their copyright by arranging for sale of decoders

outside the licence area.

The defendants denied any breach and said that in any event the sale of decoders in Europe was done with the plaintiffs' express consent or that they acquiesced in

evidence in support of their cases. The question to be decided was whether the plaintiffs were pre-cluded by express or implied acquiescence from complaining of the exhibition of their films outside

the licensed area. The principle was explained by Mr Justice Oliver in Taylor Fashions Ltd v Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society (1982) 1 QB 133. 15t) that "it would be un-conscionable for a party to be permitted to deny that which, knowingly or unknowingly, he has allowed or encouraged another to assume to his detriment".

That being the test, his Lordship middle of 1993, the defence was made out. The plaintiffs's chief executive and managing director knew, or strongly suspected that his films were being shown on the Adult Channel but he chose deliberately to do nothing about it use it suited him to do so.

He was aware from March 1993 that the defendants had plans for Europe. He was being requested for lists of his European titles. He was also aware from other licens-ees that the defendants were broadcasting some films in

Had he been concerned about those developments he would have asked for further information or made his own negotiations There was no written complaint of any kind to the defendants.

The true position, his Lordship believed, was that the plaintiffs were content for the defendants to show the films in Europe because that offered the best prospect of increasing subscriber numbers and entitling them to royalty payments under the agreement.

Therefore the defence of acquiescence was well founded and it was unnecessary to deal with the alternatives, but his Lordship went on to comment on the construction of the agreement.
The plaintiffs suggested that

there was no right to use the Astra satellite at all, given that its footprint extended beyond the and Another licensed area. On the other hand the defendants submitted that the

plaintiffs had no legal basis in the UK for restricting transmissions received in Europe and that a grant of a licence in the UK could not be read as implying a denial of rights elsewhere.
His Lordship said that both

those lines of argument seemed unrealistic. It was part of the essential background of this agree ment that there would be transmission by satellite direct to home. Both parties knew that the way that would be done would be by the Astra satellite, which in this country was the conventional method for such transmissions. It was also part of the back-

ground understanding that broad-casts would be confined to the licence area by use of the conventional machinery of encryption and sale of decoder cards. It was entirely appropriate that there should be an implied term in the agreement that the defendants

would not sell or distribute decoders to those who they knew or had reason to believe would use them for the purpose of viewing films outside the territory.

There was nothing onerous in the condition as drafted. It required the defendants to know, or

positively to have reason to believe, that those to whom they were selling would use it outside the territory. It did not require them to

control unlawful use or pirating.
However, the plaintiffs other suggested implied term that "the defendants would take all reasonable steps to prevent films being viewed by persons outside the territory" was not acceptable. It left wholly unclear what steps, positive or negative, the defendants would be obliged to perform.

Solicitors: The Simkins Partnership; Matthew Arnold & Baldwin.

Damages for structural defect Gardner and Another v Marsh and Parsons (a Firm)

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord

[Judgment November 13] The purchasers of a maisonette with a serious structural defect which their surveyor had neg-ligently failed to spot were entitled to damages against the surveyor based on the difference between the value of the property without the defects and its value with the defects at the date of purchase.

The fact that the defect had subsequently been rectified at their landlord's expense in accordance with the terms of the lease should deprive the purchasers of their damages because the landlord's action did not flow from the

original negligence.
The Court of Appeal soheld,
Lord Justice Peter Gibson dissenting, dismissing an appeal by the first and second defendants, Marsh and Parsons and Sean Dyson, from a decision of Judge Byrt, OC, in the Mayor's and City of London Court on February 27, 1995 awarding the plaintiffs James Piers Gardner and Penelope Helen Gardner 529,000 for the defendants' admitted negligence.

Mr Adrian Brunner, QC and Mr James Palmer for the defen-dants; Mr Edwin Johnson for the

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said the plaintiffs had in June 1985 been interested in buying a converted maisonette at 8 Royal Crescent, Notting Hill, London, subject to a satisfactory survey. Unfortunately the second defendant had carried out the survey negligently, having failed to spot a serious structural defect. The purchase of a long lease was completed on September 11, 1985, a covenant in the lease providing that the landlords, Guidedale Ltd. were responsible

The structural defect, caused by stresses resulting from the adding of a floor at roof level when the property was converted in 1985, did not come to light until 1988 when the plaintiffs sought unsuccessfully to sell. It was remedied by Guidedale in 1990.

The judge had assessed the measure of damages as the dif-ference between the value of the property without the defects and its value with the defects at the date of purchase, following a line of authority starting with Philips v Ward [1956] 1 WLR 471). On the basis of expert evidence he set the value of the property with the defect in 1985 at £85,000.

The defendants had contended that if the defect had been discovered in 1985 and drawn to Guidedale's attention, they would have remedied it at their own expense and there would con-sequently have been no diminution entitlement to more than nominal damages. The defendants' second ground of appeal was that even if they were wrong on the first point, the plaintiffs avoided their loss by reason of the repair undertaken by Guidedale in 1990.

The judge had rejected that submission saying that it was not relevant that the risk had subsequently been eliminated at the

His Lordship reviewed Philips v Ward, Perry v Sidney Phillips & Son ([1982] I WLR 1297) and Watts v Morrow (1991) 4 All ER 937). It was intrinsic to the principles laid down in those cases that, in assessing the market price of a hypothetical sale of the property for structural repairs. in that state was assumed to have

taken place. It was basically unsound to proceed on the basis that in the narticular circumstances of the istant case no sale would have taken place until after the defect had been remedied.

Mr Brunner's scenario did not accord with the actual facts of the case, seeing that the plaintiffs did in fact purchase the maisonette while still in its defective state. which was a natural consequence flowing from Mr Dyson's neg-ligence. Nor was the inference Mr Brunner contended for supported by the evidence. The first ground of

appeal failed. His Lordship reviewed the authorities bearing on the second ground of appeal. British Westinghouse v The Underground Electric Railways (1912) AC 673), Hussey v Eels (1990) 2 QB 227) and Jones v Just ((1868) LR 3 QB 197).

Mr Brunner had submitted that, the plaintiffs having themselves adopted the reasonable and prudent course of instigating the repairs, and those repairs having been undertaken with the result that the defect over precified the that the defect was rectified, the plaintiffs had suffered no loss, and were no worse off, seeing that the premises had been restored to their full value well before the date of trial. He had recognised the diffi-culty of reconciling that formula-

tion with the authorities.

Mr Johnson had submitted that negligence a plaintiff suffered loss in the form of diminution of value of the property, that loss was not avoided by the subsequent conduct of the plaintiff unless such conduct flowed inexorably from the origerly be seen as part of a continuous course of dealing with the situation

in which the plaintiff originally

The landlord's action in repairing the property was collateral and res inter alios acta, a thing done between other parties, Moreover, it

Dyson's negligent valuation and was in no sense part of a continuous course of dealing.

Lord Justice Mustill in Hussey v Eels had warned against laying

down potentially unreliable state ments of principle in the field of damages. The issue was primarily one of fact. In his Lordship's judgment,

having regard to the intervening events and to the long interval of time, the repairs executed in 1990 were not part of a continuous transaction of which the purchase of the lease as a result of Mr Dyson's negligence was the inception. Furthermore, the repairs undertaken by Guidedale were res inter alios acta and therefore collateral to Mr Dyson's

Lord Justice Peter Gibson delivered a dissenting judgment and Lord Justice Pill delivered a judgement concurring with Lord Justice

Solicitors: Lloyd Cooper:

Director not necessarily unfit uttered in the context of a failure by director or shareholder, from

Before Mr Justice Chadwick

[Judgment October 9]

A director of an insolvent company, whose recommendations as to necessary economies had been disregarded by its controlling directors, was not necessarily to be treated as "unfit to be concerned in the management of a company" within section 6(1)(b) of the Company Directors Disqualification

Act 1986 if he failed to resign. Mr Justice Chadwick so held in the Chancery Division, in dismissing an appeal by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry from an order of District Judge White in Truro County Court on July 26. under that Act, two of a company's directors from acting as directors

Millett for the director.

In re a Company, No 004803 bookkeeper at £8,000 a year, had also been a 10 per cent shareholder and a director of a company in the business of letting holiday

> Refore the district judge, as before his Lordship, the secretary of state had submitted that Mr Taylor ought, at the latest by December 1992, to have resigned

continuance of trading and was, in all but formal title, an employee unable to influence the management of the company.

No doubt by continuing to act as a director of an insolvent company Mr Taylor had exposed himself to potential liability under section 214 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and would have been wiser to resign; but in considering disqualification proceedings, the court was directed by section 9(1) of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 to have regard in particular to the matters set out in Schedule I of that Act.

It was clear from the district judge's judgment that he had properly addressed the question of Mr Taylor's personal respon-sibility for all relevant matters. He had had the advantage of seeing and hearing both Mr Taylor and the company's auditor so it would not be appropriate for his Lordship to interfere.

His Lordship's own remarks in Secretary of State v Arif and Others (1996) BCC 586) were not here in point, since they had been directors to fulfil their statutory obligations to keep accounting records.

A director who, believing there was no reasonable prospect of avoiding insolvency, protested against further trading, was en-titled to remain on the board and to use such influence as he had to try to bring it to an end.

However, if there came a point at which his attendance at hoard meetings became pointless, because he had to recognise that his co-directors took no account of what he said, it might well become appropriate to ask why he re-mained; and if his only conceivable purpose was to draw his director's fees or to preserve his status, a court might well conclude him so lacking in appreciation of a director's duties as to be unlit to be concerned in any company's

The district judge had not found that to be so in Mr Taylor's case and his decision had to be upheld. Solicitors: Anstey Sargent & Probert Exeter; Dickins Hopgood Chidley, Hungerford.

management.

£1,000 surety required from applicant

Ex parte Morgan Before Lord Justice Schiemann and Mr Justice Butterfield

[Judgment November 14] The fact that an applicant for a case stated was legally aided with a nil contribution and had no disposable assets did not mean that he should not be required by justices, as a condition of stating the case, to enter into 2 recognisance with a surety conditioned to prosecute the appeal

without delay.

The Queen's Bench Divisional
Court so held, dismissing the
application of Neil Morgan for
judicial review of the refusal by Crowdon Justices on July 14, 1995 to refuse to state a case under section 114 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1950 unless the applicant entered into a recognisance of £1,000 with conditioned to prosecute the ap-Mr Jonathan Whitfield for the

peal without delay. applicant; Mr Robin Howard for the justices.

JUSTICE SCHTEMANN said that one had to bear in mind that the requirement to enter into a recognisance did not require anyone to produce any money until the time when the conditioned events occurred. Section 120(3) of the 1980 Act provided for the situation where,

himself without assets, the justices could deal with him according to his circumstances then. M V Yorke Motors (a Firm) v Edwards ([1982] | WLR 444) was not a criminal case but a civil case where the delendant sought leave

even if the recognisance was

forfeited and the applicant found

Regina v Croydon Justices, a surety in a similar amount to defend and the court was only prepared to give leave on condition that he paid into court a certain

That case was correctly summarised in The Supreme Court Practice 1997 (Vol 1, pl65) which stated: "It would be a wrong exercise of

discretion to grant the defendant leave to defend on condition that he should pay into court a sum which he would never be able to pay, for that would be tantamount to giving judgment for the plaintiff
... But" and this was relevant "the fact that the defendant does not have a house of his own . . . that he is unemployed and in receipt of supplementary benefit or that he is legally aided with a nil contribu-tion, does not mean that he cannot find a sum by way of security as a condition of being granted leave to

defend, since he may be able to raise capital from friends, business associates or relatives. . . " That was a case different from

the present but the principle which the House of Lords set out was that, in this type of case, it was for the applicant to satisfy the court that he was indigent. In the present case there were no grounds on which the court could

interfere and the decision of the

justices was within the area of their

discretion. It was open to the

justices, having heard the ap-plicant at his trial and formed a

view of his truthfulness, to con-

chide that the requirement of a nisance and surery was a sensible one Mr Justice Butterfield agreed. Solicitors: Paul Black, Haywards Heath; Stonehams,

of any company for three and two years, while refusing to disqualify Mr Taylor, the third director. Mr Jeremy Bamford for the secretary of state: Mr Richard

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK said that Mr Taylor, employed as a stood to gain nothing extra, as

In October 1991 a letter of concern from its bankers had led to recommendations by Mr Taylor for specific economies, which, according to its auditor whose evidence the district judge had accepted, would have given it a reasonable chance of trading out of its difficulties but the other directors had refused to implement them. In September 1993 the company had gone into voluntary liquidation with a deficiency in excess of £100,000.

his directorship. As to that, the district judge had

found that although there was ground for some criticism of Mr Taylor, his salary was no more than that any junior non-director staff member might expect and he

Halifax in the fray for car cover

By Marianne Curphey

THE price war in car insurance is set to intensify as the Halifax building society, the dominant force in personal

mortgages, launches a product. Halifax has 15 million borrowers and savers and aims to offer them car insurance from today via a joint venture with Churchill Insurance. The partnership will give Churchill, a rival to the telephone insurer Direct Line, the backing it needs in an increasingly competitive motor market.

It is not quite an admission of defeat, but it is a change of strategy," said Paul Goodhind, insurance analyst with NatWest markets. "Churchill should benefit from the deal because Halifax customers are likely to be less price-sensitive

Motor rates are now up to 30 per cent lower than two years ago. More than 50 telephone insurers now compete for a finite amount of business. Halifax will advertise its new

service via branches. Churchill will handle telephone enquires and quotations at its base. Churchill has signalled wish to form partnerships. It lost in the bidding for Pet Plan

to Cornhill Insurance.

Outcry as utilities target children in battle for gas sales

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

THE gas industry will this week face increasing pressure to introduce a code of conduct after a fresh wave of complaints about selling tactics. including marketing that targeted children. Concern is growing over aggressive sell-ing as a division has emerged But yesterday Clare Spottisbetween the gas regulator and the Office of Fair Trading on

doorstep sales.
London Electricity and Total Gas, who operate a joint venture, are believed to have backed down from a school marketing campaign after protests from parents. The Gas Consumers Council called for an immediate and enforceable code of conduct after London and Total offered a school in Dorset £7.50 for every pupil whose parents switched to their supply.

The controversy over the school incentives comes as complaints about aggressive selling grows in Dorset and Avon, and Kent and Sussex -

the next two areas where households will be able to buy gas competitively next year. Last week Eastern Natural Gas was forced to dismiss an agent and suspend another after complaints about misleading information from people in Dorset and Kent.

woode, the industry regulator, told The Money Programme on BBC2 that customers wanted doorstep selling and that, with a code of practice, she would be happy to see the practice spread nationwide. However, John Bridgeman, the Director-General of Fair Trading, disagreed. Mr Bridgeman, whose job it is to oversee marketing, said he remained to be convinced of the need for doorstep selling in an unfamiliar marketplace with many vulnerable consumers, particularly if this is

done on a commission basis".

Gas, the offshoot of the regional

The OFT threatened Sweb-

the South West, with legal action after more than 3,000 complaints over its selling in the South West - the first area to have competition for domestic gas. The complaints mainly involved customers who said they did not realise that they Gas agreed to change its marketing approach.
The Gas Forum, the gas

trade body, tried to set up a code of conduct earlier this year but the OFT refused to support it because it did not have adequate penalties for breaches and because there was no arbitration or conciliation offered for disputes. Some 500,000 homes in the South West can now switch from British Gas to rival companies. The choice will

extend to 520,000 in Dorset

and Avon in February 900,000

in Kent and Sussex in March.

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Lord MacLaurin orchestrated the success at Tesco that has won the vote of top managers

Tesco tops 'most admired' list

proach, which helped it to overtake J Sainsbury, its archrival, has also made it the company most admired by top managers of other companies in the annual survey for Management Today (Gra-The superstore group, led

by Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, replaces Cadbury Schweppes, which still ranks fifth among 260 companies in 26 industry groups, each judged by their peers.
Burford, the property group

second, followed by Next and Marks & Spencer Spirax-

leaps from nowhere to ninth place. Eurotunnel, unsurprisingly, is least admired, sinking from penultimate spot last year. Kwik Save, the retail group, ranks 259 with Sears, the floundering shoe empire,

Berisford suitor backs off

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Berisford, owner of Magnet, the DIY chain, is today expected to announce that a potential bid approach for the company has ended inconclusively.

Shares in the company rose 30p to 151p when news of the approach was confirmed. causing the unnamed suitor to take fright.

Job losses

More than 500 jobs, mainly administrative, are expected to go from Southern Water on Wednesday when Scottish-Power reveals cost savings worth more than £40 million for the company, along with its own interim results.

Mining profits

Tower Colliery. Wales's last deep mine, made £4 million profit in its second year under the ownership of its share-holding miners. The 300 men will get a 5.7 per cent pay rise and £500 Christmas bonus.

Tax concession

The Inland Revenue has 🧸 agreed to give small companies advance clearance as to whether their shares qualify and House of Fraser stores for reinvestment relief on capionly slightly higher. tal gains tax.

Strand sale expected

By Sarah Cunningham and Jason Nissé

THE Greeting Store Group, run by Stuart Greenwood, who resigned as finance-direc-tor of ailing Spring Ram in 1993, is set this week to buy Strand Libraries, which has 73 stores and is the fourthlargest card retailer behind

Strand has been in administration since May. Greeting Store, which owns about 20 reeting card shops in the

North, is expected to pay about £4 million. Arthur Andersen, Strand's administrator, has closed 16 of the chain's worst-performing stores and intends to sell the business as a going concern. It had been expected to sell just its assets.

The sale will need court approval, which is likely this week. The main creditor of Strand is Hallmark, the greeting cards manufacturer



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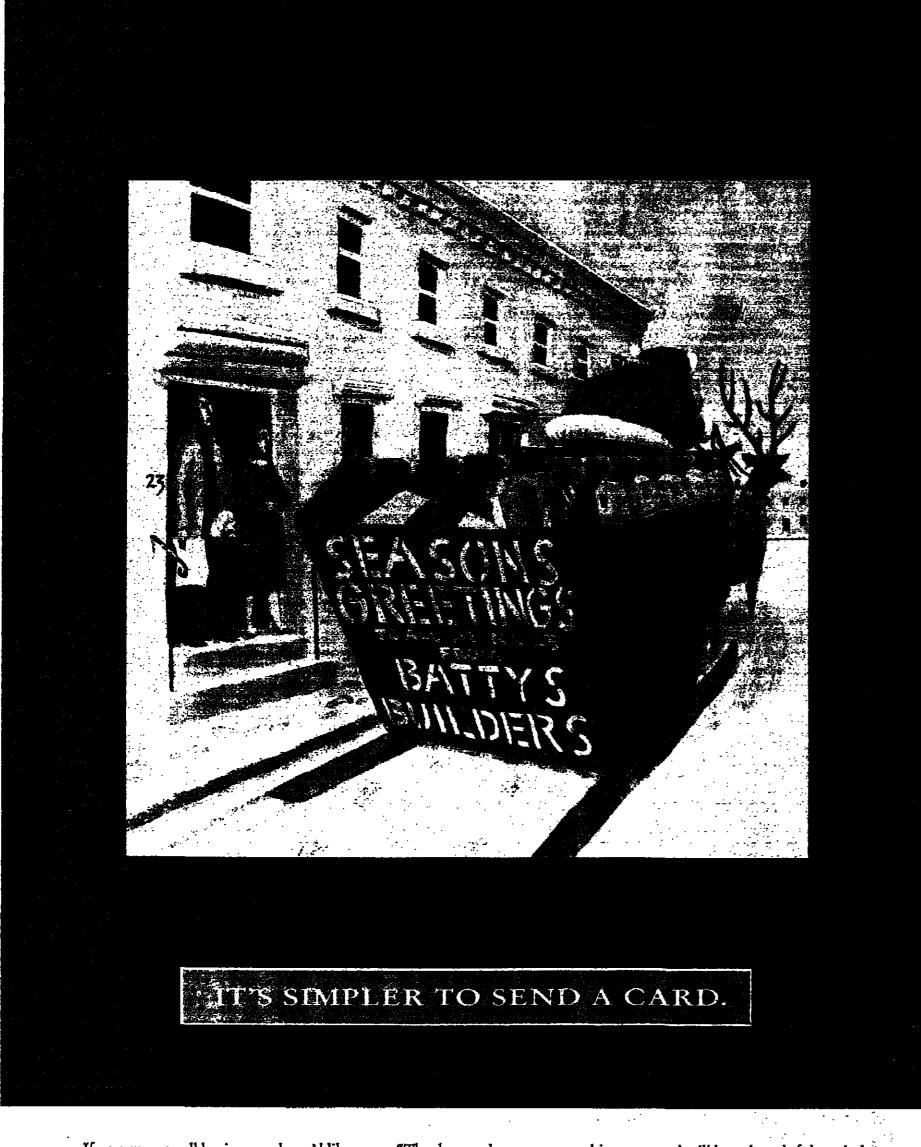
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Loyalty pay complements open era for accountants

By Jon Ashworth

EARNINGS at top accountancy firms come under scrutiny again this week when Ernst & Young and Pannell Kerr Forster become the latest firms to lay bare their books. The move accompanies reports that some firms are paying loyalty bonuses worth £7,000 or more in an attempt to retain newly

Ernst & Young will be the second Big Six firm to publish a full set of report and accounts following a trend set earlier in the year by KPMG. Then it emerged that Colin partner, received £739,753 in salary, pension contributions

and profit share in the year to newly qualifieds, in an at- the price for cutting back on September 30, 1995, A similar move by Stoy Hayward revealed that partners earned an average of £92,000 last year.

Pannell Kerr Forster has promised a proper disclosure" of earnings when it reports on Thursday. Ernst & Young, which publishes tomorrow, is expected to go further than KPMG, disclosing the earnings of the firm's top management team, as well as for Nick Land, its senior partner. It is also expected to disclose parmership profits : over the past four years.

tempt to stop staff moving to bener-paid jobs in industry. Deloitte & Touche is said to be offering pay rises of up to 17 per cent, with others offering 12 to 15 per cent rises. Firms including KPMG and Coopers & Lybrand are said to be pledging loyalty bonuses of between £6,000 and £7,000 to newly qualifieds who agree to stay for at least a year. Industry observers say

for car, pension and other firms are anxious to retain staff at all levels. Robert expenses out of earnings. More than 90 per cent of Walters, chief executive of respondents in a MORI poll Robert Walters Associates, the commissioned by KPMG were in favour of auditors opening Firms are reported to be financial recruitment consul-

increased threat of litigation is

one factor encouraging part-ners to move into better-paid

posts in industry, he said. Lawyers and investment

bankers now earn substantial-

ly more than their accountan-

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AIM's value tops £5bn after placings and index rise

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New issue level booms

staff during the recession. The SEVEN companies joined the Alternative Investment Market last week, taking the weekly admission of new issues on the junior exchange to its highest level since the summer boom. All fetched decent premiums as the market's value broke through the £5 billion mark and the FT-SE AIM index jumped 11.3 points over the week to close at 1.035.20.

Shares of Goshawk Insurance, which underwrites for a Lloyd's syndicate, were placed at 110p, and closed the week at 1152p. Dawn Til Dusk, the



Alexander O'Neal, second left, with Alan Bellman, Andy Taylor and Dai Davies, of Sanctuary

joined earlier than expected at ing a domestic listing. Sanctu-115p and fetched a 62p ary Music joins AIM this

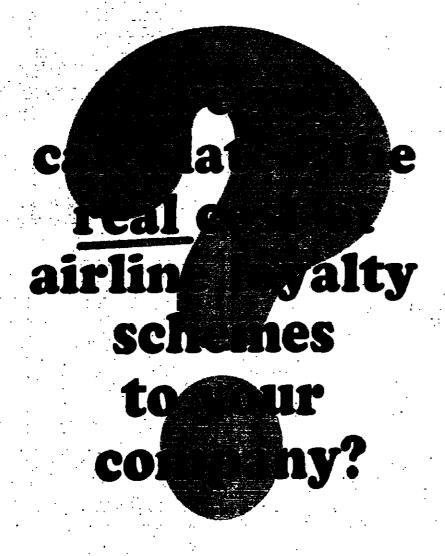
The next few weeks promise similar momentum. Open Systems, which makes accounting software, plans to become the first US company

month, at an expected value of £8 million. It jointly owns three record labels; its artists include Alexander O'Neal, Elvis Costello and the Pet Shop Boys.

borne Clarke, the City law firm, found that 64 per cent of AIM companies plan to move to the full list. But almost 18 months after the market's inception, none has so far succeeded in doing so.

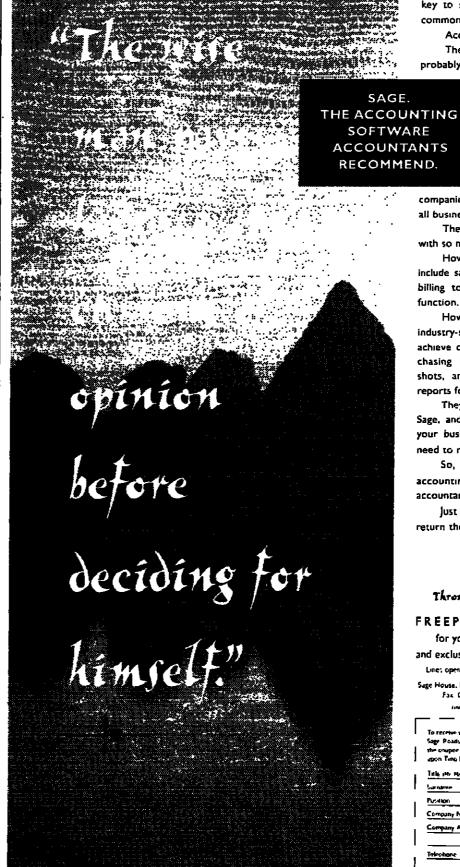
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Eyes have it for 3i chief

SIR GEORGE RUSSELL, 3i's chairman, has been seeing treble since he splashed out £6,200 on a face mask. He bid over the odds at last week's auction of 500 celebrity-decorated masks in aid of The Prince's Trust. Sir George bid for one by fellow Geordie and rock star Sting, illustrated with nine eyes. Moshe Gerstenhaber, begetter of the campaign, is a 3i customer, so Sir George was on his mettle. Now, he wants Sting for a photo shoot, standing alongside his masterpiece at 3i's office in Waterioo Road.

Nervous tadpoles

JUST as tadpoles scatter when the water is disturbed, so did directors of Tadpole Technology after disappointing results. Neither of the contact directors mentioned in the official report to the Stock Exchange was near the stated telephone number. The only person fielding press inquiries was one of chief executive Bernard Hulme's

Asda bash

WIVES and girlfriends will be pleased that Asda is host-ing a Blokes' Night to help their loved ones through the Christmas shopping. Or will they? Casting an eye over Asda's top 20 gift suggestions — a peach foam bath decanter or a brush stand set — I'm not so sure. On Thursday, a football-free night, blokes are being tempted into Asda stores with beer and curry tastings, male makeovers, and in-store advisers.

NEWS of another leak at the Treasury. Staff in the Public Inquiry Unit were forced to evacuate their tiny corner of the Whitehall building after a radiator burst.

Off the cuff

BARRISTERS for Business is somewhat sedately named Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry. The in-house barristers group has hit on the idea of marketing its own cufflinks to raise funds for various campaigns. Made in pewter, one reads "settle", the other "sue". Robert Owen QC, next year's chairman of the Bar, has been spotted sporting a pair.

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When lax laws rock the foundations of business

Oliver August on the

culture of bribery

in Germany that is

endangering its reputation overseas

and ruining prosperity

osè Ignacio López de Arriortúa will not go down in automotive history as the saintly saviour that he claimed to be. The charismatic Basque who always carries a rosary around had been hired by Volkswagen to slash costs. He claims to have saved Europe's largest carmaker DM8 billion but in the process he slashed much more than overmanning and costly supplier contracts.

GM claimed he used a VW corporate jet to ferry bundles of secret documents from General Motors, his previous employer, to VW's holiday cottage near its Wolfsburg headquarters, where the strategy papers and factory plans were

copied and shredded one by one. Unfortunately for Señor Lopez, GM found out that VW had bought its commercial secrets as well as Señor Lopez's services when it paid him the biggest pay cheque in German car history. GM chased him through the US racketeering courts and last Friday

Señor Lopez finally resigned. His fall from grace will draw renewed attention to what is possibly corporate Germany's biggest problem today. Corruption is seen as a more serious threat to profits than a strong currency, government regulation or high wage costs, according to a survey

in a German business magazine.

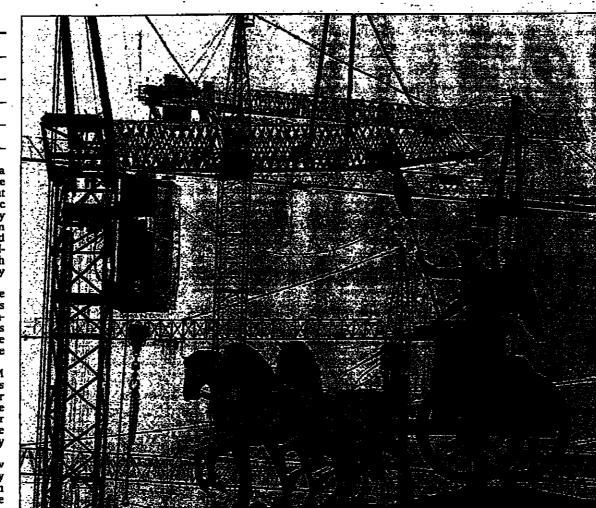
The Wirtschaftswurder boom of the 1950s was based on honest hard work. After the war, the nation felt cheated by the Nazis who had promised to create a utopian world but brought shame, destruction and poverty to Germany. Ordinary Germans as well as the new in many cases not entirely new governing class were determined to create prosperity without deception or betraval.

But the country's squeaky clean image became tarnished by a string of high-profile, but hotly contested, corruption cases this year. Jürgen Schneider, Germany's leading property magnate who was lent hundreds of millions of marks by bankers against properties whose value he allegedly inflated, now awaits trial in a Frankfurt

prison after extradition from Miami. Dieter Vogel, the chief executive of Thyssen, the steel group, once used to lecture captains of industry on ethics. Now he is being investigated by the Berlin justice department over claims that his company overcharged and exploited the Treuhand agency which co-ordinated the privatisation of East German businesses.

Possibly the most embarrassing case is that of Olaf Henkel, the president of the Confederation of German Industry. He rose to prominence as head of IBM in Germany. Now Der Spiegel, the German news magazine, has claimed that details of his personal bank account show that he received undisclosed payments from other leading German companies.

Ingo Baumann, an insider who has become a critic of corruption in covenant in the German economy. The



While the Brandenburg Gate is a symbol of liberty, some building sites in Berlin are a home to corruption

construction, said: "Culturally, we always saw ourselves closer to Britain than to Italy. But I am afraid that today not every German businessman is also gentleman. Too many have turned into mafiosi. From the small, incestuous bureaucracies in Bavaria to the huge building sites in Berlin, every-where you need Schmiergeld [lubrication money] to get contracts."

Herr Baumann is convinced that a "culture of corruption" has evolved because so-called small sins such as tax evasion have become socially acceptable. Neighbours are said to openly swap ideas for new tax scams.

However, a new book on corruption in Germany claims the rise of bribery and fraud are the result of legislative laxity. Werner Rütger, author of Economy Without Corruption, said: The double standards of the German justice system become obvious when you look at the tax laws: corruption is prosecuted, while the tax system actu-

According to Herr Rütger, Germany's lax laws are the result of legislative changes made by the Nazis in 1934. They were desperate for funds in the aftermath of the world depression and had an ingenious idea. By allowing Schmiergeld to be treated as a cost item. in company accounts, the Nazis could both receive bribes legally and tax the companies for them.

Herr Rütger writes: "Bribes were seen as regular business investments. Since then we have the Nettoprinzip, or value neutrality of the tax laws. It is today a principal and irremovable German tax code decrees since 1934 that there are no moral standards in economic decision-making. All that counts is the standard of profitability

as set by each company." As a convenient by product of this law, bribes are tax deductible in Germany. Some companies have writ-ten off millions of marks under headings such as exceptional items or marketing and travel costs. The tax inspectors know what that means in cases of, say, arms manufacturers.

The SPD opposition party demanded a change to these arcane practices in the 1996 Tax Act. The Government - aware of the public disquiet over corruption eventually agreed to a compromise. Bribes are no longer tax deductible if they are paid inside Germany. But this only applies where the briber has been convicted for bribery.

The Government defended the status



quo by saying that there was a natural limit on how many bribes are actually reclaimed against tax payments. They pointed to the rule that the bribed actually have to be named in the tax forms. Manfred Kanther, the Interior Minister, said: "Nobody writes in their

tax report: bribe." The minister was supported by the whiter than white Herr Henkel of the Confederation of German Industry, who said the tax deductibility of bribes was made impossible by the requirement to name individuals involved. But both men overlooked a ruling by Germany's highest financial court. It allows exceptions where naming names would put future contracts in jeopardy and thereby threaten jobs and a company's continuing existence. Where there is a tax code, there must be

a loophole. The culture of corruption is no longer just seen as a threat to Germany's international reputation but as endangering the country's prosperity. Edzard Schmidt-Jortzig, the Justice Minister, said 3,000 civil servants who were found guilty of corruption had caused DM4 billion of damage in one year.

But the costs are believed to be even more significant. While the Government defends the compromise on bribes in the new tax code on the grounds that bribes abroad save jobs at home, anti-corruption campaigners argue that bribes actually destroy jobs because most foreign bribes are large, usually fail because of the number of José Ignacio López fell from grace have to be paid for somehow.

The shocker called Wallis

Wallis: The Life and Legends of Wallis Simpson. Radio 4, 2.00pm Wallis: The Life and Legends of Wallis Simpson. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

"Divorce? The very idea! Our ancestry goes back to 1662. What would people say?" The shocked reaction of Wallis Simpson's family when she breaks the news about her intention to end her doorned first marriage occurs in part one of Elizabeth Proud's serialised drama. Of course, we know that there were many more shocks yet to come. But even now, years later, it is assumishing to be reminded just how many of them there were. There never was any danger that, as she predicts in this afternoon's scene setting instalment, she would settle down to "a fairly comfortable old age", presumably husbandless. The American actress Stockard Channing plays Wallis, but we have yet to hear from Christopher Cazenove, who plays Edward, Wallis's number three

The Afternoon Shift. Radio 4, 3.00pm.

The division of labour — Laurie Taylor is the Monday and Friday presenter, Daire Brehan does the rest of the week — is working well. Taylor continues to suggest that he has just rushed into the studio, bursting to share some extring discovery with us. Nobody dozes off when he is on the air. Brehan, like Sue MacGregor on Today, has the style and voice of someone whose forte is the delivery of considered judgments. She has more than made antends for the shortcomings of her comparatiot, Gerry Anderson, who presented Anderson Country, late unlarmented precursor of The Afternoon Shift. Peter Davalle

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6.00am Russ W. Jond 16.00 Graham Dene 1,00pm Jerarry Clark 4,00 Nicky Home 7,00 Paul Coyfe (FB) Robin Banks (AM) 16000 Maris Forest 2,00am Rahdal Lee Rose

VIRGIN RADIO

RADIO 3 6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Dvorak (Scherzo eapriccloso); Britten (Safly in our Alley, Early One Morning; Ca' the Yowes) 8.50 An Advent Calendar, Bishop

Jack Spong introduces
Christmas carols performed
by Highcliffe Junior Choir, Mark Heremond, organ and conductor Mary Demiss Morning Collection.
Resulted Dowland (Tarleton's Resulted Conductor)

Resurrection); Purcel (Now Does the Glorious Day Appear) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris de Souza, includes Telemann (Cantata Ich Werde Fast Entzuckt); Lotti

(Crucifious a 8)

12.00 Composer of the Week:

Jean-Baptiste Lully. Roger
Savage introduces missic
Lully wrote for the stage and
explores his links with Louis

YV and Molitime. explores res XIV and Molière News; BBC Lunchtime St John

1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime
Concert. Live from St John's,
Smith Square, London, Kyoko
Takezawa, violin, Philip Moli,
piano, Tatini (Sonata in G minor, Devil's Trill); Strause (Violin Sonata, Op 18); Ravel (Pice en Forme d'Hisbanera). 2.00 The BBC Orchestane, BSC

Dong-Suk Kang, violin. Dvorak (Camival Overture); Sibellus (Violin Concerto); Smelana (From Bohemia's Woods and Reids; Vitaria: Sarks, Ma Vissi); Enesco (Romanian Rhapsody No: Volces: Carl Loette, with Boshidge, tenor, Geraid Finley, barison and Julius Drake, piano (f)

4.30 The Barltone Saxophone. Secophonist John Suman looks into the history of his own instrument, concentrating on the 1950s and the American Peoper Adams, Swede Lars Gullin and Briton 5.00 The Music Methine. Tod Machover, based at the media laboratory at Massachusetts institute of

anoth musical activities of the lab

5.15 In Tune. Includes Fauré (Mandoline); Lumbye (Coparhagen Steam Reliway Galop); Handel (Worthy is the Larin); Schubert (Impromotu in Finnor, Dass No. 1)

7.30 BBC Sympleony Orchestra.
Conductor Andrew Davis, Ann Murray, mezo: Weber (Overture Oberon); Berlioz (Nuts of été); Eiger (Sympleony No. 1: in A flet)

9.20 The Jesus Diary. Angela Taby, series producer of BBC1's Lives of Jesus, asis Wito Owns Jesus? God, Jew, rabel or ascette, everyone wests their share.

9.40 Barber (r) 10.00 Ensemble, Lynsey Marsh, clarinet, Louise Hopkins, cello, Thomas Ades, plano. Sibelius (Malinconia); Stravinsky (Three Pleces for Solo Clarinet); Brahms (Trio i A miner, Op 114) i Mibding It. Mark Russell and Robet Sandel Into musical

roces sendef-mix musical styles and influences

11:30 Completers of the Weelc American Symphonists (r)

12:30cm Jazz Nolles. A sole set from planist George Shearing

1.00 Through the Night

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Bristing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.46 No Ments an Island Letter from Vietnam 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Shirt the Week With Tom Subcliffe, Sir Samuel Britan, Conor Chuise O'Brien, Simon Schaffer and Francesca Kuge 10.00 News; Dear Distry — Writing the Queen: Ben

Writing the Queen: Ben Pindott (FM). Ben Pindott's Biography of the Queen was front-page naws when it was published this autumn. His diary reveals the story behind.

10.00 Delby Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Women's Hour
11.30 Money Box Live 0171-580
4444, Vincent Duggleby later
istances' calls on a lopical assue affecting personal

frances 12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whitisker 12.25pm The Heritage Quiz, with Sue MacGegor, Christopher Cook, Graham Fawcatt, Jane Glover and Philippe Gregory 12.55 Weather.

Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Wallis — The Life
and Legends of Wallis
Simpson, See Choice (1/3)
3.00 The Aftermoon Stall, See

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidosc

hewa this kalendoscope, Lynna Walker considers the relationship between photography and the stage, as a collection by Lord Snowdon is published

5.69 PM 5.50 Stipping Folecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Str O'Clock Neura Brother edition Wille Humphrey Lyttellori Chies another edition: With Tim Brother edition: With Tim Brother Edition: With Tim Brother Edition: Wille

4.48 Sport Story: Will you Marry. Me? Willen by Richard Broker and read by loan Meleciti.

Garden, Berry Cryet en a van Rushino (r).
7.00 Metro 7.05 The Archest 7.20 The Food Programme. A special edition, recorded at the BBC Good Food Sy valentine (r) Valentine (r).
7.45 The Monday Play: See Undates. by Sharman

together two families who an holidaying in the 1960s on a beach in Wales. With Cella-imile and Sylvestra Le Touze Invie and Sylvestra Le Touzel

9.15 Better then Sex. Biske
Monfson talks about cycling
in Suffek (2/4) fr)

9.30 Kelefdoecopie (f) 9.599

10.00 The world rought, war sabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtimer Archy and Mehitabet, by Don Marquis (6/8) (r)
11.00 Sentimental Journey (FM). Fire director Alex Cox visits Southern Spain (2/6) (r)
11.00 Education Matters (6/8)

11.30 Enseanon Manners (EW)
11.30 Typort (FM) With Roger
Griffiths (/)
11.30 Today in Perliament (LW)
12.00 News incl. 12.27am Wealter
12.30 The Late Book: Carol. Zoe , Wanamaker reads Petricia Highemith's story (6/12) (r) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.80 As World Service

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Growth keeps the UK behind in **Europe's Grand Prix bond race**

BTPs is now lending support foreign investors perceive that such gilt yields are attractive on credit considerations alone (after all, the UK's debt/GDP ratio is less than half that of Italy, which is well above the psychological 100 per cent level). Further, the strength of sterling has meant that in total return terms gilts have outperformed other markets recently. However, I doubt

this proved to be only temporary. Yields duly crossed over.

Third, whatever the European considerations, the negative domestic fundamentals will surely dominate eventually. If UK base rates are going rise to the extent that the

Answers from page 38 VENTRE A TERRE

(a) Flat out, as fast as you can go. The image comes from a horse galloping, like the Freuch cavalry charging down on the English at Agineourt in Laurence Olivier's Henry V. LE FIVE O'CLOCK

(b) Because tea is not a favourite French drink or meal, Parisians use the Franglais le five o'clock (a bit late) for tea time instead of their native the and golder the. It is partly chic and

BOURRICHON (b) Brainbox, aut or head. N'avoir rien dans le bourrichon is to have nothing up top, to be empty-headed. Monter le bourrichon à quelqu'un is to lill someone's head with silly ideas. Se monter le bourrichon is to kid oneself, or to work oneself into a frenzy.

MESSIEURS-DAMES (c) Gays, "queers", "poufs", homosexuals. Son histrot a une clientele de messieurs dames: His pub's a watering-hole for the gay brigade! Bonsoir messieurs dames is the stock popular greeting when entering or leaving a public place. It is roughly the equivalent of Dixon of Dock Green's "Evenin' all?"

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

ket is likened to a Formula One Grand Prix race, then Porsche and Renault remain out in front but their lead has narrowed as Saab. Seat and Ferrari catch up. The Morris Minor is being overtaken by everybody. Gilts now even yield the same as Italian government bonds (BTPs).

However, the very fact that filts are trading at par with support the gilts market much longer, for three reasons.

First, this link means that gilts are now vulnerable to a change in sentiment about whether EMU will start on time and whether Italy will be included. With governments appearing unable to agree

short futures contract is indicating, then the gilt curve would have to flatten significantly to leave longer-dated gilt yields at current levels However, such a degree of curve flattening seems very

to question the franc fort policy, the situation is ripe for a new wave of EMU sceptiquestion remains to what extent inflation and interest rates are going to rise. Mr Clarke is undoubtedly

cism. If the market starts to have doubts and Italian yields rise, then gilt yields could rise in tandem Second, earlier in the year

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may also be helped by the against Spanish bonds, but

Dublin summit on December 13, and with signs that some French officials have started unlikely with growth set to be at least as strong as the Treasury predicts. So the real

> hoping that he can avoid raising base rates again before the general election. In his Budget speech he rehearsed the arguments he will use to counter Eddie George when they next meet on December 11: commodity prices are stable, earnings growth is modest and producer price inflation is low.

Mr Clarke is also confident that the pick-up in underlying inflation seen in October is "temporary" and while this could turn out to be a hostage to fortune — the RPI data is due for release the day after the monetary meeting — my own forecast shows the underlying rate easing back slightly to 3.2 per cent next month. The following month may prove more problematic if the

French truckers' strike had a

significant effect on seasonal

small stimulus to the consum er sector, the one sector of the

may not feed through into retail prices if retailers react by widening margins; and, in any case, there is already upward pressure on prices of non-traded goods that are not sensitive to the exchange rate. There is also a significant risk that pay settlements will

to take first place in the growth face.

GLENN DAVIES

November, Mr. Clarke can-argue that they should wait for more data before taking a decision. As we get into the new year it is possible that consumers will become a little more cautious because of election uncertainty. evertheless, even if the market is too pessimistic about the timing of the next base rate rise, few can doubt that ultimately they will rise sharply next year. The Budget was as tight as the politics allowed, but even so it has imparted a

retail sales figures. Novem-ber's seem likely to be quite weak, possibly depressed by

Christmas spending, in con-

trast, will be exceptionally

ment is difficult over this

period and after a weak

the cold snap.

economy that certainly does not need a further boost. The rise in the pound will slow import prices, but this

start to pick up, given labour market tightening and an increase in headline inflation. Thus, the UK will continue to lag behind in the bond race, but only because it continues

Confessions of a contented couch potato

once made the awful mistake of admitting to a man I I met in a pub that I had watched television the previous Saturday night. He called me a social cripple. This was some years ago: now, he would call me a social differently-abled person. The gist was that the only excuse for spending Saturday night in front of a televison was if you lived in a cardboard box in the doorway of Dixons.

Galk

Dan

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This person returned to mind at the weekend. I expect he spent Saturday evening in some overcrowded restaurant wondering which car pound he would have to visit if the service became much slower. Whereas I was crippled with glee in front of the telly.

Not that I want you to think I normally watch The National Lottery Live (BBC I). I switched on the set to get the football results from Ceefax but became transfixed by the image before me: Luciano Pavarotti and Elton John were

standing at adjacent microphones singing a song.

I say a song". It sounded like two songs that coincidentally shared the same tune without quite agreeing on a language, but they have recorded the song-for charity so one had better not carp. And it was live! And it-was exclusive! Gosh. The odds against Pavarotti and John singing a duet on the national bingo channel must be nearly as long as those against the infernal lottery machine failing to work.

I heard the song through and switched to Ceefax. Newcastle I, Arsenal 2 - that would do nicely. I moved to the news headlines: National Lottery delayed". What was this? The relevant page announced a technical hitch, apparently "the balls had failed to drop".

We social cripples knew first.
Absolutely nothing failed to drop in Moll Flanders (ITV, last night) unless you wish pedantical-

ly to separate things that come down from things that go up. Several pairs of trousers did the dropping, while things that went up included skirts, bodices and bosoms, the last inflating fit to lift a Eurotumnel share.

This is an Andrew Davies adaptation: not that anybody else does them these days. I think that Davies must have cloned himself as part of some hideous experiment, to be revealed tangentially when he adapts The Boys From Brazil. There are to be four parts to Moll Flanders and usually reliable sources say there are 17 sex scenes in all. After the watershed, a torrent. Daniel Defoe's book was, of course, a sensation in its time. The television version has pace but

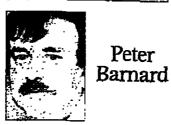
lacks rhythm, as if rushing

And Davies has invented a

through the boring bits between

the lewd and the bawdy.

REVIEW



lesbian relationship, no doubt for splendid artistic reasons which have coincidentally excited the tabloids. Alex Kingston is convincing as Moll, though the telescoping of the plot left me unconvinced about her marrying Robin (lan Driver) on the rebound from his brother Rowland (Colin Buchanan).

There is also a proven Davies technique, sadly unproven by this example. Moll narrates the story

in flashback and also makes the occasional statement to camera. But this is no House of Cards and Moll is no Urghart: the device seemed right from a scheming. literate prime minister, but jars from a scheming woman of Moll's earthier persuasions.

Last night's heavyweight item was also its most rewarding. Lives of Jesus (BBCI) is a four-parter in which Mark Tully explores Jesus in his varying aspects. Tully is best known, if not legendary, as the BBC's India correspondent for more than 30 years. He resigned two years ago in protest at being told to keep his criticisms of the BBC to himself.

But even John Birt's Auntie is a forgiving soul and Tully is just right for this job. He trained as a priest, for one thing, but more important is that he has lived for so long in India. a place where religious beliefs both collide and converge par excellence.

nents but the first part spent much of its time in India, listening to Hindus and others. They mostly concluded that the destination of religion, which is God, is more important than the route different religions take. This would appear to offer some cause for hope.

clue to the fact that Tully's natural home is radio is offered by his presentational style. Most single-presenter television series are dominated by men striding across landscapes, enunciating Great Truths. Tully is not like that, he is something of a throwback to the days when television thought that the message might conceivably be more important than the messenger. So Tully is ever-present, but not very visible. I daresay believers in God will think that wholly appropriate. Finally, a word about politics.

Or several words about A Week in

This is unmissable for political junkies such as I, mostly because its co-presenters, Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley, regularly extract minor truths from politicians. On Saturday. Phillip Op-penheim, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, admitted that the tax burden as a percentage of GDP would be higher next year than it was in the last year of the last Labour government.

Well all right, he said: "Yes, but ... " The rest of the answer had something to do with the Government putting more revenue into reducing borrowing than into reducing tax, but never mind all that. What with balls failing to drop and politicians forgetting to be evasive, you had to be at home in front of the telly to have something to talk about if you had gone out. As it were.

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (63192) 7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (1) (81753) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (T) (1224666)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (4107685) 9.45 KILROY (6933734) 10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (87598) 11.00 NEWS (1) REGIONAL NEWS and weather (3633918)

11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW 11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (4082622)

12.00 NEWS (T) REGIONAL NEWS 12.05pm QUINCY (3670579) 12.50 THE WEATHER SHOW (30043376)

1.00 NEWS (T) and weather (84840) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (25525442) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (T) (29084918) 2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (5043) 2.30 WHO'LL DO THE PUDDING? (60)

3.00 INCOGNITO (4550) 3.30 THE BUSY WORLD OF RICHARD SCARRY (1807956) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (2468550) 4.10 Ace Ventura: Pet Detactive (1165840) 4.35 Record Breakers (7951753)

5.00 NEWSROUND (T) (5519314) 5.10 BLUE PETER (T) (8811821) 5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (T) (354918) 6.00 NEWS (T) and weather (89) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (69) 7.00 TELLY ADDICTS (6531)

7.30 TOMORROW'S WORLD includes a reports on a revolutionary eye operation to restore sight and a telephone so small it can be worn like a watch (53)

8.00 EASTENDERS Lonzine visits Joe in hospital (T) (2579) 8.30 CHEF! Comedy series with

Lennie Henry (4314) 9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS (T) **REGIONAL NEWS** and weather 9.30 PANORAMA: Barking Mad Should

(656173) 10.10 BILLY CONNOLLY'S WORLD TOUR **OF AUSTRALIA** (T) (840685)

10.50 COMMON AS MUCK The Supercrew are down at the jobcentre wondering if they'll ever work again after the guarantee of an efficient refuse service from Propre UK. With Edward Woodward (r) (T) (907579) WALES: 10.50 The Slate 11.20 Film 96 with Barry Norman 11.50 Common as Muck 12.45em Smillie's

People 1.30 Film: Teenage Caveman 11.45 FILM 96 WITH BARRY NORMAN Featuring Jingle All the Way, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Home for the Holidays, with Holly Hunter, directed by

Jodie Foster (T) (508666) 12.15am SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (8266642) 1.00 FiLM: Teenage Caveman (b/w, 1958) with Robert Vaughn. Fantasy

adventure about a young rock-dweller growing up. Directed by Roger Corman (2740777) 2.05 Weather (6595834)

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BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: The All-Electric Home (7099550) 6.25 Technology (7018685) 6.50 Wheels of Progress (8322647) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (2341734) 7.30 Perils of Penelope Pitstop (5279918) 7.50 Blue Peter (r) (5273734) 8.15 Charlie Chalk (7393227) 8.35 Lassie (6309840) 9.00 The Worrled Well (1231956) 9.15 in the Gutter and Other. Good Places (5725753) 10.00 Playdays (2777685) 10.25 The Champions (8504260) 11.15 The Phil Silvers Show

Trip to Mers, with Buster Crabbe (1938) (b/w) (1737555) 12.00 Ken Horn's Hot Wok (69192) 12.30pm Working Lunch (97463) 1.00 Charlie Chalk (99090482) 1.15 FILM: Bombardier (b/w, 1943) with Pat

(6422668) 11.40 FILM: Flash Gordon's

2.50 HOLIDAY OUTINGS: Fiji (3324840) 3.00 NEWS (T) REGIONAL NEWS and weather (7470918) 3.05 THE NATURAL WORLD (r) (2714956)

3.55 NEWS (T) REGIONAL NEWS and 4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (s) (82) 4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK (s) (66)

5.00 ESTHER (s) (4937) 5.30 GOING, GOING, GONE (s) (18)

6.00 SPACE PRECINCT: Protect and Survive Brogan and Haldane relocate to Planst Altor (r) (T) (s) (712395) 6.45 AS SEEN ON TV Children's camcorder

7.00 1914-18: Slaughter The battles of Verdun, the Somme and Passchendaele (4/7) (1) (s) (918937)

7.50 A WEEK TO REMEMBER Pathe newsreel from 1956 (976395) 8.00 HORIZON: The Time Lords The possibility of time travel (1) (688005) 8.50 GARDENERS' WORLD TAKE TWO Highlights (T) (742685)



Julia Waiters, Robert Lindsay (9pm)

WICKED WOMEN: BRAZEN HUSSIES Drama about male strippers with Julie Walters and Robert Lindsay (1/3) (1) (s) (4395) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (T) (428647)

A ROOM WITH TWO VIEWS: Pornography New series in which people try to persuade each other of their point of view (487550) 11.50 PRIDE OF DRESS A visit to the sheepshearing festival in The Netherlands (s) (201840)

12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (30970) 12.30 THE LEARNING ZONE: Open University — Building the Perfect Beast (84222) 1.30 Human Anatomy: This True Book of Ours (14864) 2.00 Believing: Other Worlds/Re Collection (31715) 4.00 BBC Focus: Italia 2000 (32357) 4.30 Defeating Disease (88951) 5.00 Pathweys to Care (63154) 5.30 RCN

Nursing Update (48999)

CHOICE Pond Life

Channel 4, 5.45pm Lily Pond is, at a guess, in her late twenties or early thirties. Plain and bespectacled, she is unattached and still trying to escape the oppressive attention of her parents, who live three doors away in a dull suburban close. Lily, in short, is a sad case, but, as this is a content of the reliable but as the said. sitcom, the pain is dispersed in jokes. Her creator is Candy Guard and, like the not entirely dissimilar Simpsons, Pond Life is an animation. The graphic style is basic but serviceable and provides the framework for a perceptive study of the female condition. That being so, the teatime scheduling is a puzzle. Apart from some fruity language, there is nothing offensive about the show, but it deserves an adult audience and this slot is not best guaranteed to give it one. The first episode finds our heroine in embarrassed pursuit of a new boyfriend.

Wicked Women: Brazen Hussies BBC2, 9.00pm

Brazen Hussies is about strippers, which may seem an odd subject for a series of dramas on women and power in the 1990s. Until you discover that in Martyn Edward Hesford's brash and gauly cornedy it is the blaker that the brief her side strip. blokes who take their kit off, not the girls. Even Robert Lindsay strips down to his underpants in the cause of art, or at least to underpants in the cause of art, or at least to support Hesford's scenario about women fighting back against male assumptions. The fighters are a pub landlady (Julie Walters) and her friend (Crissy Rock), who, inspired by visions of naked male torsos, form a strip troupe called the Rude Boys. The losers are Walters's dull husband (Alun Armstrong) and Brethy cheeps, parties of indexed but the and Rock's ghastly partner (Lindsay) but the path of feminist protest does not always run smoothly. In one of the drama's frequent excursions into fantasy, Julian Clary appears as a scantily-clad Man in the Moon.

Secret Lives: Lord Beaverbrook Channel 4, 9,00pm

Beaverbrook was a millionaire at 30, moved from Canada to Britain to became a press baron and was a government minister in in Leonie Jameson's lively portrait, but her main concern is with Beaverbrook's private life. We hear more about his several mistresses, his personal vendettas and his determination to exclude his family from his fortune than his newspapers or his political intrigues. The irony was that this compulsive philanderer never forgot his strict Presbyterian upbringing and worried that he might not get a place in Heaven. Michael Foot may say he loved him like a father, but Beaverbrook was a brute behind the charm. Sacking his greatest editor, Arthur Christiansen, was one thing. Humiliating him at the same time was another.

A Room With Two Views BBC2, 11.15pm

Take two people, sit them on either side of a table and let them loose on a topic on which they have opposite opinions. An egg-timer (some egg!) marks out their allocated 30 minutes. Such is the formula for this new series, which is going out on three successive nights, this week and next. The lateness of the hour means that nothing is barred and we begin with a debate on pornography in which the language is explicit. Chris Tame defends porn, not only on libertarian grounds but because he sees it as a force for good. This cuts no ice with John Jordan, who was once addicted to porn and says it has damaged his life. It is a lively dust-up with, in debating terms, no clear winner. But as the temperature rises there is a tendency for both men to speak at once, with the result that we can hear neither. Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7256753) 9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP With Date

Winton (4182376) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2754734) 10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE With John

Stapleton (30531) 10.30 THIS MORNING (60093173) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7125519) 12.30 ITN NEWS (T) (9039598)

12.55 CORONATION STREET (r) (T)

2.00 HOME AND AWAY (T) (59268032) 2.25 CROSS WITS (1) (42513109) 2.55 LOOK AND COOK (2736258)

3.20 ITN NEWS (1) (7487208) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (7486579) 3.30 TOTS TV (5458901; 3.40 The Slow Norris (1553802) 3.50 Wolves, Witches and Glants (7353537) 4.05 Sooty and Co (1179043) 4.25 All New Anima

(1155463) 4.50 HOW 2 (8119005) 5.10 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (T) Shopper's quiz (7636821)

5.40 ITN NEWS (I) (170043) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (T) (343463)

6.25 REGIONAL NEWS (501376) 7.00 THE LIST (1) (1227) 7.30 CORONATION STREET Alec may have the answer to Vera's problems (T) (21)

8.00 WORLD IN ACTION reveals what John Major, Tony Benn, Michel Roux and Vinnie Jones have in common (T) (7647) 8.30 POLICE, CAMERA, ACTION! The Man DPOLICE, CAMERA, ACTION! The Man Who Shot O.J. Alastair Stewart goes on live assignments with helicopter news journelist Bob Tur, the man who was first on the scene with pictures of O.J. Simpson fleeing from the Los Angeles police (T) (9482)

9.00 MOLL FLANDERS Left stranded by her second husband's bankruptcy. Moll makes her way to Chatham, where she -bettiends a young Virginian sea captain (1) (s) (8463)

10.00 ITN NEWS AT TEN (1) (64647) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (612109)



10.40 CLIVE JAMES — POSTCARD FROM MEXICO CITY (7) The Antipodean reports from the pollution capital of the world (611260)

11.40 HUNTER (494840) 12.40am BUSHELL ON THE BOX (8628770) 1.10 THE CRIME HOUR (2764357) 2.15 JONES AND JURY (8136628) 2.25 FILM: Thunder Run (1987) (129796)

4.05 COACH (26178680) 4.30 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (82777) 5.00 AN INVITATION TO REMEMBER

5.30 ITN MORNING NEWS (35425)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (9064289) 1.25 CROSS WITS (30608550) 1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (29081821) 2.20 BLUE HEELERS (9728024)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7636821) 6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (501376) 7.00-7.30 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (1227) 10.40 CLIVE JAMES POSTCARD FROM MEXICO CITY (61 1260)

11.40 BAGDAD CAFE (406208) 12.10am BEYOND REALITY (2750390) 12.40 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA (6661999)

1,25 THE CRIME HOUR (2747680) 2.30 JONES AND JURY (4137067) 2.50 Film: THE GENTLE TRAP (6080845) 4.00 JOBFINDER (5885932)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 1.25-1.55 CROSSWITS (30608550) 1.55 HOME AND AWAY (21614802) 2.25 FRANCIS BISSELL'S WESTCOUNTRY CHRISTMAS MO(42513109)

2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (2736258) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7636821) 6.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (95668) 7.00-7.30 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (1227)

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12.55-1.25 CROSS WITS (9064289) 1.25 HOME AND AWAY (30608550) 1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (21614802) 2.25-3.20 BLUE HEELERS (9718647) 5.10 HOME AND AWAY (7636821) 6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (85)

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7.00-7.30 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (1227)

S4C Starts: 6.30am TAKE FIVE (47821) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (74463) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (74024) 9.30 Film: THE BELLS ARE RINGING (66744802) 11.45 SKI WITHOUT LIMITS (8587032) 12,00 RIGHT TO REPLY (54260) 12.30pm LIFT OFF (82531) 1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN (77550) 1.30 Film: TWO WEEKS IN ANOTHER TOWN (38579) 3.30 THE LIVING SEA (43) 4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (50) 4.30 THE LONELY PLANET (34) 5.00 5 PUMP (9005) 5.30 COUNTDOWN (14) 6.00 NEWYDDION (242395) 6.05 HENO (361869) 6.35 SION A SIAN (510208) 7.00 POBOL Y CWM (621173) 7.25 Y BYD AR BEDWAR (812314) 8.00 BACHA HI O'MA (5289) 8.30 NEWYDDION (7024) 9.00 FRIENDS WITH GABY (6005) 10.00 SGORIO BIG MATCH (872647) 12.20am TRANS

WORLD SPORT (4075715) 1.20 WOMEN AT

PLAY (5901154) 1.45 LUMBERJACKS OKI

● Matthew Bond is on holiday

CHANNEL 4

6.30 am TAKE FIVE (47821) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (74463) 9.00 Here's One Made Earlier (74024)

9.30 FILM: Bells Are Ringing (1960). A musical starring Judy Holiday as a telephone answering service operator directed by Vincente Minnelli (66744802) 11.45 SKI WITHOUT LIMITS (8587032) 12.00 Right to Reply (r) (T) (54260) 12.30pm Lift Off (r) (82531) 1.00 Sesame Street The

guest is Maya Angelou (10314) 2.00 FILM: Ziegfeld Foliles of 1946 (1946) A musical extravaganza starring, Fred Astaire, Gene Ketly and Judy Garland directed by Vincente Minnelli (5376)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (T) (50) 4,30 COUNTDOWN (1) (34)

5.00 THE MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW A discussion on ridiculous reasons for eaving a partner (T) (2717869)



Dolly meets a new friend (5.45pm)

5.45 POND LIFE: Boyfriend New cartoon series about Dolly Pond, an unemployed single girl (T)

6.00 MOVIEWATCH Young critics comment on three new releases: Arnold Schwarzenegger in Jingle All the Way, Gabriel Byrne in Last of the High Kings and Robert Downey Jr in Home for the Holidays (27)

6.30 HOLLYOAKS (T) (79)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (1) and weather (903005)

7.50 THE SLOT (961463)

8.00 DESPERATELY SEEKING SOMETHING Pele McCarthy continues his search for the meaning of life. This week he tries a spot of soul retrieval and joins Druids for a ritual (T) (2/4) (5289) 8.30 THE REAL HOLIDAY SHOW Gaby

Roslin introduces reports from Corfu, Norfolk and Iceland (T) (7024)

9.00 BEAVERBROOK The press baron's secrets revealed (T) (6005) 10.00 HOMICIDE: LIFE ON THE STREET Bayliss and Pemberton clash with an death of a lawyer is homicide (I) (9192). 11.00 THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL BIG MATCH introduced by Gary Imlach

12.20 am TRANS WORLD SPORT (4075715) 1.20 BLOOD, SWEAT AND GLORY Famous

boxers (r) (5992406) 1.50 FILM: A Patch of Blue (1965). Weepie starring Sidney Portier as a reporter who betriends a blind and abused 18-year-old girl from the sturns. Directed by Guy en (974131)

3.50 Fit.M: Green Pastures (1936, b/w) A retelling of stories from the Old Testament Directed by William Keighley and Marc Connelly (7579390) Ends at 5.30

SATELLITE AND CABLE

listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Directory, published on Saturday

7.00am Love Connection (4732463) 7.20 Press Your Luck (4752227) 7.40 Jeopardy! (3979647) 8.10 Hotel (5324444) 9.00 Another World (7819727) 9.45 Oprah Writey (7674969) 10.40 Real TV (4587482) 11.10 Selly Jessy Raphael (9129482) 12.00 Geration (21444) 1.00pm 1 to 3 (71802) 3.00 Jenny Jones (37531) 4.00 Oprah Writey (56666) 5.00 Star Treis: The Next Generation (4866) 6.00 New Adventures of Suppress (5666) 7.00 The Simpsons Suporman (50956) 7.00 The Simpsons (5685) 7.30 M*A*S*H (4043) 8.00 Through (2005); 7.30 M*A*S*H | 4043| 8.00 Through the Kryhole (1005) 8.30 Cen'l Hurry Love (3840) 9.00 Pickel Fences (8011) 19.00 Star Trek: The Nard Generation (90598) 11.00 New Adventures of Superman (15463) 12.00 LAP.D. (53222) 12.30mm

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (1715482) 8.00 Water Rets (1791802) 9.00 The Commish (1711665) 10.00 Under Suspicion (1714753) 11.00 Late Show (1398376) 12.00 FILM: The Double Man (2531222) 2.00em Hit Mix (8545086)

Worldande news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES _ 6.00am Perious journey (1983) (86550) 6.00 Running Free (1994) (82918) 10.00 Curse of the Viking Grave (1991) (46753) 12.00 Cool Runnings (1993) (30799) 2.00pm The Best Little Girl in the World (1981) (948227) 3.40 Gypey (1983) (673)7598) 6.00 The Beverly Hathilia 1993) (4211) 7.30 El Feathers (6111) 8.00 Cool Runnings (1993) (6533) 10.00 Assistat Mail 19941 (1997) 14 50 17943) (42 (11) 7.90 in Features (9111) 8.00 Cool Runnings (1993) (6553) 10.00 Against the Wall (1994) (90153) 11.50 Brainscan (1994) (421793) 1.25am Ed McBeln's 87th Precinct Lightning (1995) (851406) 2.50 Natural Causes (1994) (1451512) 4.30 The Bererly (1995) (1993) (85544970)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00mm Gypsy Colt (1954) (74181) 7.30 Master of the World (1976) (15598) 8.30

Tardin: The Lake of Sharks (1972) (11840) 10.00 The Rains Came (1939) (44395) 12.00 The Rooks of Harven (1988) (12204802) 2.10pm Big Dreams and Broken Hearts: The Dottle West Story (1983) (640531) 4.00 A Christmas Carol (1978) (49376) 5.00 Machater of the World (1976) (7898) 6.00 The Other Memories (1996) (2296) 6.00 The Other Mother (1985) (64175) 10.00 The River Wild (1994) (865227) 11.55 Striking Distance (1983) (200734) 1.40em Hellywood Machant (1994) (182286) 3.10 Pretty Princess (1990) (514135) 4.55 A Christmas Carol (1979) (98213880) SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Long Hot Summer (1963) (8057840) 6.00 Love is a Many Spien-dored Thing (1955) (3451579) 8.00 The Oriver (1978) (3458024) 10.00 Colors (1983) (8994344) 12.05cm 9°/s Weeks (1985) 11378086) 2.05 The Leopard (1983) (7301177) 4.45 A Day's Piensser (1985) (7301177) 4.45 A Day's Piensser (1985) (7301277) 4.50 5.40 Pay Day (35232574) 5.10-5.40 Pay Day THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sig Movies Gold takes over at 10pm. 6,00em Mouse Tracks (448753) 8.25 Cuack Atlack (446756) 8.50 Boniers 0371840; 7.15 Derkving Duck (1996822) 7.40 Atlactin (3768840) 8.05 New Doug 7.40 Abadoin (378840) 8.05 New Daug (328911) 8.30 Tirron and Pumbas (359644) 8.40 Sing Me a Stoy (8429173) 9.05 Grounding Marsh (5066173) 9.30 Big Garage (357826) 9.45 Lamb Chop (504314) 10.15 Mupper Babies (3357006) 10.40 Wonderland (7090837) 11.10 Mouse Tracks (8425734) 11.40 Under the Umberta Tree (5680395) 12.10pm Fraggle Rock (322955) 12.35 Lamb Chop (1998260) 1.05 Gool Troop (8256227) 1.30 Aladdin (9474444) 1.55 Darkwing Duck (9472463) 2.25 Bonkers (88215227) 2.50 Queok Afrack (3600314) 3.20 Tirron and Pumbas (9119550) 3.30 Gool Troop (7207444) 3.55 Tirron and Pumbas (9119550) 3.30 Gool Troop (7207444) 3.55 Tirron and Pumbas (91797734) 6.00 Aladdin (799734) 8.05 Goot Troop (9268145) 4.35 Bonkers (2797734) 6.00 Aladdin (799734) (163453) 4.05 GOOT 1700 (15351149) 4.35 Borkers (2797734) 5.00 Aladdin (7929734) 5.25 Timon and Plumbaa (2232463) 5.35 Derkering Duck (522462) 6.00 New Doug (2647) 6.30 Bostom (5227) 7.00 Brotherly Love (9685) 7.30 FILM: Fresky Friday (5522647) 9.05 Home Improvement (191599) 9.30-10.00 Golden Girls (32463)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00em Works Sport Special (52289) 7.30 Watersports World (35376) 8.30 Racing

News (72579) 9.00 Motorsports: World of Speed and Beauty (56531) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (92821) 10.00 Asen Gott Strow (60209) 11.00 Watersports World (4044) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (763785) 12.30pm Football Special (898579) 3.00 Football Futbol Wurdel (8192 3.30 British Basketball (364937) 6.00 Sports Centre (4463) 6.30 Football Tarten Estra (8043) 7.00 Football Toterhism Hotspur v Liverpool—Live (3185463) 10.30 Sports Centre (63444) 11.00 Football Tarten Estra (93111) 11.30 Martiel Arts: Bushdo (73289) 12.20am Monday Night Football (28715) 2.30-3.30 Sports Centre (43512) SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Mar Out (83353014) 12.30pm Rebel Sports (43075482) 1.00 Golf: Sun City Milton Dollar Challenge (95208424) 4.00 Lague Review (41520395) 6.00 Sports Unfirmated (43050173) 7.00 Sports Centre (41501260) 7.30 Motor Sport (74176505) 11.30-12.00 Sports Centre (94759173) EUROSPORT

7.30mm Ski-Jumping: World Cup (40208) 9.00 Alpine Skling, Men's World Cup (40955) 11.00 Bobsleight World Cup (50753) 1.00pm Treshfor: International Grand Prix (85250) 2.00 Alpine Sking: Ski Special (10376) 4.00 Karting El Masters (87550) 5.00 Footbell. FIFa Futsel World Chemplonship — Live (5729314) 6.15 Oftcoad (866640) 7.00 Spectworld (50821) Officed (958840) 7.00 spections (9082) 9.00 Strongmen (11005) 10.00 Footbal Eurogoals (14192) 11.00 Boxing (56005) 12.00-12.30em Funsports (93244) GRANADA PLUS

6.00mm Rumwey (5275463) 5.30 Once Upon a Time (29842192) 6.45 Our Back-yard (52359685) 7.00 Alborts (7743260) 7.15 Once Upon a Time (6748840) 7.30 Children's Ward (1739937) 8.00 Classas Coronation Street (1054306) 8.30 Rumwey (1053579) 9.00 Familica (1037531) 9.30 Crown Court Society (5566734) 10.00 [1053579] 9,00 Familico (1037531) 9,30 Crown Court Spécial (5564734) 10,00 Down to Earth (6560550) 10,30 Bless Me Father (1080043) 11,00 Life (1742685) 12,00 Classic Coronation Street (1057395) 12,30 per Up the Garden Path (5558750) 1,00 Crown Court Special (1713173) 1,30 Partiles (55687921) 2,00 A Farmly at Wa (6555879) 3,00 Bless Me Father (1137531) 3,30 Down to Earth (1937734) 4,00 The Advertures of Shertock Holmer (2687376) 5,00 Life (1151111) 6,00 Classic Corbin-Advertures of Sherbox, Hornes (2007) 45, 5.00 Life (1151111) 6.00 Classic Corona-bon Street (1933918) 6.30 Families (1957598) 7.00 Please Siri (1152840) 7.30



See George Michael *Unplugged* at 9pm (MTV, from 5.30pm)

Up the Garden Path (1946482) 8.00 Mapp and Lucia (8976005) 8.00 Classic Corona-tion Street (2409685) 9.35 The Good Life Guide (2450182) 10.00-11.00 The Adven-tures of Sharlook Holmas (8999856) From 11.00pst-2.00em Man and Motons **GRANADA GOOD LIFE**

From 6.00ars-9.00 TV High Street. Your Stars presented by Russell Grant From 9,00-12,00 Food and Wine, in-cludes recipes and ideas from Deta Smith From 12,00-3,00pm Health and Beauty. includes Natural Health From 3,00-6,00 Home and Garden. THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography John Paul Jones (2341598) 5.00 The Great Ships (1007227) 6.06 Swestika Over British Soi (4570482) 7.00-8.00 Biography: H Morman Schwarzkopi (6030685) THE SCHIT CHANNEL

8.00pm Steven Spielberg's Amazing Sta-nes (1084378) 8.30 The Twilight Zone (1096111) 9.00 Signings (6036869) 10.00 Starmen (5039956) 11.00 Finday the 13th (2339647) 12.00 The Ingredible Hulli (6712796) 1.00mm. The Trailight Zono (5047512) 1.30 Tales of the Unexpected (6826864) 2.08 New Altrod Huchcod (3559390) 2.30 Rod Sering's Night Gallery (3578425) 3.00 Friday the 13th (5448338)

TLC/DISCOVERY

9.00am Toyeratt (4139314) 9.30 Garden-9.00am Toycast (4139314) 9.30 Garden-ers' Derv (2408753) 10.00 Wild at Heart (9784821) 10.30 Cratwise (4135598) 11.00 Room Service (1817289) 11.30 Cratwise (1818918) 12.00 Julia Child (4119550) 12.30pm The Roux Brothers (2417869) 1.00 Yan Can Cook (1457847) 1.30 Cooker' in the Kitchen (2409840) 2.00 Cratwise (7360192) 2.30 The Paniled House (8610024) 3.00 Terd's Country Coolong (7389227) 3.30-4.00 New Yankee Workshop (8622969)

Workshop (8622969) DISCOVERY takes over at 4.00pm. 4.00pm Rev Hunt's Festing Adventures (8601376) 4.30 Roadshow (8690260) 5.00 Time Travelers (7351444) 5.30 Tena 4 (8614840) 6.00 Wild Things, Deadly Austraian (8611753) 6.30 Wild Things; Yellow-stone (8602005) 7.00 Next Step (7371208) 7.30 Mysterious World (8608289) 8.00 History's Turning Points (7380958) 8.30 Woodley & Westfee (7380958) 9.00 Teal blazers (1115802) 10.00 Air Power (1125289) 11.00 The Astronomera (1457024) 12.00 No Man's Land (9654338) 1.00em The Externals (5095883) 1.30-2.00 The Specialists 2 (7455951)

7.00em Gong for Gold (2128579) 7.35 Crossnads (2822918) 8.00 Neighbours (9476598) 8.25 EastEnders (28171921 9.00 The Bill (41084441 9.30 Growing Paris (8392579) 10.30 The Sulfixors (4137955) 11.00 The Onedin Line (1455299) 12.00 Crossroads (44044005) 12.25pm Neigh-bours (4047192) 12.55 EastEnders (1047298) 1.30 I Didn't know You Carod (7907573) 2.05 A Little Bit at Emary (86347289) 2.20 The Other One (1262550) 3.00 Sale of the Century (7381685) 3.30 3.00 Sale of the Century (7381685) 3.30 The Bill ,8524227) 4.00 Miss Marple (1833227) 5.00 EastEnders (5531869) 5.35 Clossroads (6461918) 6.00 Spring and Autumn (8613111) 6.30 Three Up. Two Down (7707376) 7.05 Bob's Full House 1000 (701376) 7.05 000 F pin robes 6311208; 7.45 Odd One Our (1756173) 8.25 The Peny Mason Mystery (22702604) 10.15 The Bill 4582918; 10.50 Spring Image (2383111) 11.25 The Best of Top of the Pops (5784269) 12.05em Fourth Arm (3340777) 12.55 The Day of the Tuffids (6914390) 1.50 Shopping (23033628)

6.00mm Swan's Crossing (4477647) 6.20 Metidown (4471463) 6.45 Hathway across the Galaxy and Turn Left (178314) 7.15 Ready or Not (175227) 7.45 California Ready or Not 175227) 7.48 Caldomia Disease (174588) 8.15 Sweet Valley High (689005) 8.45 Art Attack (8803095) 9.00 Thy and Crew (9185024) 9.20 Brum (9165260) 9.40 Johnson and Friends (6431755) 10.00 Robinson and Friends (6431755) 10.00 Robinson and Friends (6431755) 11.00 Disease (71860) 11.00 Casper and Friends (52550) 11.00 Casper and Friends (52550) 11.00 Casper and Friends (71860) 11.00 Disease (71860) 11.00 Di NICKELODEON

6.00am Turtles (6744) 8.30 Bker Moc 6.1013 7.00 Rocko (8654753) 7.15 Hey Arnold (7644937) 7.30 Fauguss (65658) 8.00 Doug (64550) 8.30 Assin's Real Morsters (63821) 9.00 Carmen Sandago (54173) 9.30 Wishborn (50463) 10.00 Bandras n Pylamas (7379208) 10.10 Kare and Orbo (3613550) 10.35 Mr Mon (243536) 10.05 Bandras n Pylamas (2473734) 11.00 Claraso (18208) 12.30pm Sister (58109) 1.00 Rabar (4202) 1.30 Aster and Orbie (97550) 2.00 Limit Bear Stones (5227) 2.30 Storin Around 1,30 Nate and Orbic (93650) 2,00 Into Bear Stones (5227) 2,30 Stehn Around (60043) 4,00 Hey Amold (5958) 4,30 Rugrams (8529043) 4,45 Doug (8524599) 5,00 Sister Sister (6579) 5,30 Moesha (5192) 8,00 Round the Twist (2005) 8,30-7,00 Are You Alraid of the Dark? (6685)

PARAMOUNT 7.00pm Dillitent Strokes (9043) 7.30 Benson (2969) 8.00 Due South (37043) 9.00 Almost Perfect (96208) 9.30 Tau (14043) 10,00 Entertainment UK (75666) (1403) 10,00 Engratument OK (15003) 10,30 Gris on Top (9214) 11,00 In Bed. with Me Dinner (91753) 11,30 Nightstand (6453); 12,30am Sledge Hammer (60661) 1,00 Due South (35208) 2,00 Enternamment UK (38319) 2,30 in Bod. with Me Dinner (41154) 3,00 Gris on Top (48244) 3,30-4.00 Aimpst Perfect (32406)

12.00 Famasy Island (2483902) 1.00pm Remington Steele (2492550) 2.00 Automan (9783375) 3.00 The Champions (1802556) 4.00 FLM: Ethan Frome (7387865) 6.00 Thunderbads (24123141 7.00 The Champions (1113444) 8.00 Startly and Hutch (1122192) 9.00 Cime Stoy (1142956) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Demons (1808531) UK LIVING

8.00am Kircy (17221111 7.00 The Agony Expenence (1366966) 7.30 The Young and the Restless (1378673) 8.20 A Tasle of Walter (1617260) 8.55 Turnahour (829666) 9.35 Tirnal Puscul (6307050) 10.00 Enter-9.35 Timal Pussuri (6307050) 19.00 Enter-tainment Nowl (6881821) 10.05 The Jeny Springer Show (1482043) 11.00 The Young and the Resiless (1097734) 11.55 Brookside (2272869) 12.25pm Call the Doctor (40508840) 12.50 Gabnelle (219529) 1.40 Robinda (9759802) 2.30 The Agony Exprence (260598) 3.00 Live of Three (567266) 4.00 Who's Sirry Now' (2514550) 4.30 Talkabout (288869) 5.05 Lingo (45067376) 5.30 Liucky Ladders **FAMILY CHANNEL**

5.00pm Bookbuzters (2395) 5.30 Treasure Hunt (1855) 6.30 Catchphrase (9173) 7.00 The Pyramid Game (2531) 7.30 Han to Han (5885) 8.30 Duty Free (7774) 9.00 Bergerac (50395) 10.00 Stay Lucky (63462) 11.00 Resing Darrip (4856) 11.30 Evenil Shade (41956) 12.00 Lou Grant (72864) 1.00m Bergerac (47864) 2.00 Han to Han (24085) 3.00 Lou Grant (1906) 4.00 All Together Now (99715) 4.30-5.00 The Black Stalton (45319) views and the latest music weep charts

The video hits channel. Classic rock and pop videos and the best new sounds. ZEE TV

7.00em Crickel, India v South Almaa (73221173) 8.00 Lifestyle East (73222802) 9.00 Gujerati Senal Vat Niu Vatesar (39873656) 9.30 Criterragii: (77010579) (39673666) 9.30 Criemagie (77010579) 19.00 Undu Schal Red Card (74811937) 11.00 Cookery Programme Kharie Khazana (63626802) 11.30 Parampera (27667005) 12.30 pm Nukkad (77014395) 1.00 Guperah PiLMi Kharie Marze Veera (61349314) 4.00 Antaishari (34168695) 4.30 Hum Parch (34164899) 8.00 ZEE Zone (55786294) 6.30 Tee Kaman (34148821) 6.00 Usha Ushup Show (34145734) 6.30 ZEE and rou (34169314) 7.00 Cricket India v South Ameza (60068043) 8.00 News (59396258) 8.30 Selasib (81225937) 9.05-12.00 Findli FiLMi Amezo Bene Angaroy (65051734)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, Continuous cartoons from sans at apms, then TNT films as below. 9.00pm Keep the Change (1882) (41852753) 11.00 MGNz When the Lion Rears (50955531) 1.00am Leve Crezy (1941) (72235512) 2.45-5.00 Keep the Change (1992) (76071300)

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Carlton signals an improved performance

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Abbey leads way to dearer home loans

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

ain's second-biggest housing finance lender, is raising its variable mortgage rates by a quarter point this morning as a direct response to Kenneth Clarke's Budget.

The move is likely to be followed by Halifax and some other big lenders within the next two weeks. Savers, who Abbey claims are the main target of its rate changes, will be offered increases averaging 0.11 per cent from January 1. The change will raise the

payment on the average £50,000 Abbey mortgage by £1.65 a week. That is Ip more than the benefit of last week's income tax concessions to the average family, according to calculations by the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

FRAUDBUSTERS from

international agencies, in-cluding the Federal Bureau

of Investigation, Interpol,

the Serious Fraud Office

(SFO) and Scotland Yard,

and leading bankers meet in

London today in an attempt

to tackle money laundering and fraud in the global

banking system. The SFO will argue at the

three-day convention that

the only effective way to

fight fraud and money laun-

dering is to encourage a

three-way dialogue between

squads and banks in differ-

Since the SFO's Section 2

powers were extended to

help overseas authorities,

the office claims to have

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SFO wants more

talk to fight fraud

By ROBERT MILLER

countries

ABBEY NATIONAL Brit- rise to 7.29 per cent for mortgages of up to £60,000, to 7.24 per cent for mortgages of £60,000 to £100,000, and to 7.19 per cent for higher amounts. The new rates will apply immediately to new borrowers, and to existing borrowers after December 18. Nationwide has already announced an increase to 6.74

per cent from today.

The new round of rate rises relates to the last quarter-point rise in bank base rates six weeks ago. At that time, most leading lenders adopted a wait-and-see policy until the Budget to avoid two costly changes in quick succession. Since then, evidence has grown that the housing mar-ket is gaining strength and could bear higher charges. Abbey now says that it

received 60 requests for as-

sistance from more than 25

Brendan Hewson, a for-mer UK fraud squad officer

and now senior vice-president of Nations Bank.

which is sponsoring the

convention with the Royal

Bank of Scotland and

Banco Santander, said:

"We want to encourage banks to achieve a global

banking standard in which

due diligence and know

tional bywords for prudent

"Financial crime is the

common denominator that

affects us all and can do

irreparable harm to both established and emerging

your client are the interna-

management.

always intended to raise rates to compete more effectively for deposits. Charles Toner, deputy chief executive, acknowledged that investors, who outnumber Abbey's 1.6 million borrowers by seven to one, have been suffering from a "low interest rate environment", and earning less than 4

As a verdict on the Budget, however, Abbey's response is far from critical. It argues that it is moving now because Mr Clarke's cautious Budget made it unlikely that there would be another early rise in bank base rates. This is the subject of hot dispute among financial traders in the City.

Halifax, the biggest mort-gage lender, has made it clear in the past that it did not wish to raise rates but would do so if big rivals acted first. It confirmed yesterday that the move by its nearest competitor would spark an immediate review of its rates.

Halifax is likely to wait until after the meeting of the Chancellor and Eddie George, Gov-ernor of the Bank of England, scheduled for December 11. That would also allow it to respond to the details of Abbey's new savings rates, due

on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Halifax will report that house prices have risen by about 7 per cent in the past 12 months, with a further modest rise in its index in November. Many of the extra buyers have opted for fixedrate mortgages, partly to avoid early rate rises.

Abbey says that demand for fixed-rate mortgages has trebled with the rate of 6.25 per cent for three years plus a 2 per cent cashback. This rate will now be reviewed. Lenders have been trying to phase out special promotions to boost profit margins as the housing market improves but have not fully succeeded yet.

These arguments are likely to feature strongly in the debate between Mr Clarke and Mr George. The buoyancy in housing supports claims for higher base rates, but the Chancellor can claim in turn that a modest autonomous rise in mortgage rates will without the damaging shortterm effects on the economy of a general rise in interest rates.



Marjorie Scardino, whose recent promotion is seen as a role model for the campaign the high-profile appointment

Business plans to reinforce 'better deal for women' drive

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

BUSINESS leaders will today reveal sharp gains made by companies that have taken part in the Prime Minister's initiative to improve opportunities for women in management. It will proclaim the success of efforts to break female employment barriers and urge more small com-panies to follow suit.

Heads of key UK companies will claim that measures taken to realise greater equality at work have brought benefits to men as well as women through more reasonable working hours and flexible working arrangements. Such changes improve companies' financial performance by reducing labour turnover and scaling down recruitment and

They will join Lady Howe, chairman of the Opportunity 2000 campaign, to spell out the improved position of women in business since the campaign was launched five years ago by John Major. In companies and other organisations supporting the campaign women occupy more than three times the number of management posts than in British companies generally. At senior management level

the campaign will show that women account for 17 per cent of posts in member comnies, up from 9 per cent when it started, and that 60 per cent of its members now offer flexible work arrangements, against less than 30 per cent at the start.

en in management is helped by

recently of Marjorie Scardino as chief executive of Pearson. Mrs Scardino is the first woman manager to run a top 100 quoted company in Brit-

Since its launch the number of organisations joining the campaign has grown from 6! to some 310, covering about a quarter of the UK workforce. They include ICI, Boots, Marks & Spencer, Tesco, Unilever, Bank of England, GrandMet, BBC, Royal Mail, Dixons, Midland Bank, John Laing. WH Smith, BT. Hali-fax and British Airways.

But the campaign, which is backed by the CBI, TUC and Equal Opportunities Commission, will also emphasise to-day the need to take the drive to provide more opportunities for women into smaller firms, with the help of small firms organisations and chambers of commerce. A fifth of Opportunity 2000 member organisations has fewer than 500

To support the achievements of the campaign, its leaders will point to the evidence of Rank Xerox, which says that culture changes favoured by the campaign have generated a return of more than £1 million through savings in recruitment, retraining and lost productivity.

Women's leaders will also emphasise that a drive for equality brings benefits to men over issues such as long hours at work. Liz Bargh, director of Opportunity 2000, says: "We have overwhelming evidence that this approach works, and

Lang likely to refer Bass deal

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE Office of Fair Trading is believed to have ruled against the planned purchase of Carlsberg-Tetley by Bass, a £205 million deal that would create Britain's biggest brewer with a market share ap-proaching 40 per cent.

The OFT sent its advice to Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, late last week, and it is thought to have strongly advised that the deal be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to decide whether it should be Insurance move, page 44 | allowed. Mr Lang has until

Christmas Day to decide US for Northern Electric. whether to refer the bid, to clear it entirely or to insist that Bass and the OFT agree conditions to allow the merger.

City observers believe that the OFT opposition, and the political impact of job losses that would follow the deal, mean that Mr Lang is already inclined to choose a reference. Mr Lang could extend the deadline into next year. He took the option of an extension with another controversial

takeover, the hostile £766 mil-

lion offer by CalEnergy of the

However, the Department of Trade and Industry made clear on Friday night that the Christmas deadline would be met, with no further delays for a takeover that has been brewing for more than a year.

Bass will this week face questions on the progress of the merger when it presents full-year figures on Wednesday. A successful takeover would see Carlsberg, previ-ously joint owner with Allied Domeoq of Carlsberg-Tetley. take a 20 per cent stake in the

combined brewing operations. However, job losses would result Bass has said annual costs would be cut by £90 million within three years. Sir Ian Prosser, Bass's

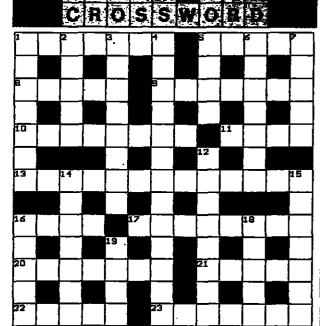
chairman, has pledged that no breweries will be shut, if the deal goes through without conditions. However, analysts believe that the main savings would come from closing part of the combined distribution networks.

For this reason, a reference to the MMC is seen as the

most likely outcome.



JANET BUSH looks at the battle between France and Germany over control of the euro



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- 22 Fortunate (5) 23 Garden area for alpines (7)

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- 2 Trojan War poem (5)
- 3 Unproved explanations (8)
- 5 Coffin stand (4)
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- 16 Student (5)
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Lobbying by Recs delays onset of competition

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MILLIONS of households will have to wait longer to shop around for their electricity under new plans to be announced by the industry regulator this week.

It is expected that competition in domestic electricity which had been planned by the Government to start in April 1998 — will not reach all homes until at least six or nine months later. Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, is expected to unveil plans for phasing in competition. The most likely method is by postcode or by billing cycles. Professor Littlechild's move comes after heavy lobbying from the industry. Company



Littlechild: unveiling plans

all 25 million households could not happen in one go without serious risk of chaos. Regional electricity companies (Recs), which are responsible for establishing the mechanics to enable competitive trading, have privately complained that the scheme has lacked leadership. But both Professor Littlechild and Tim Eggar, when he was Energy Minister, have warned the companies against stalling to protect their monopolies. However, the regulator will be mindful of the confusion

which followed the introduction of competition into the industrial market two years ago. Widespread disruption occurred, with many billing and metering difficulties, and Professor Littlechild was sharply criticised by the electricity pool's auditor. The phasing approach to 1998 marks a climbdown for the regulator, who has until now insisted that the April deadline

must be met.

Tory blue wins colour vote

By Jon Ashworth

chiefs say that competition to

BRITISH business has thrown its weight behind Tory blue, hailing it as a colour associated with professtonalism, efficiency and trustworthiness. But brown shoes, as favoured by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor. are definitely out. And John Major is still the grey man of politics. Most UK companies favour

blue in business presentations

and sales literature, according

to a survey by Gesteiner, the

Choice of colour was often as important as choice of words when it came to getting the message across. helping to explain why Pepsi spent \$500 million rebranding, buckily choosing the right colour.

Colours to avoid include grey and brown, which suggest "boring", and black, which means "unfriendly", according to the survey of 100 business people. Green is the colour most associated with "friendliness", but also sug-gests "lack of professional-ism", making it a bad choice for business. This is unlikely

to impress familiar high street operators such as Marks & Spencer and British Petroleum, both of whom have every reason to be satisfied with their green livery.

More than half the respondents thought John Major "grey", and Tony Blair "red" - a colour associated with professionalism by only 20 per cent of respondents. Red, however, is seen as a creative

Brown suits and shoes are "out" when it comes to business. For men, navy blue suits

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